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Kissinger on eve of visit: I will only spur talks

By IRA SILVERMAN, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger asserted just hours before his departure for the Middle East last night that he did not expect to return from his trip having achieved an agreement between Israel and Egypt on the separation of forces along the Suez front.

"What we expect to do," Kissinger told a news conference, "is to see whether we can transform the general ideas that have now been advanced into a concrete proposal."

The Secretary said he hoped that after such a proposal is formulated, it will lead to serious negotiations between Israel and Egypt on the disengagement problem.

"If Israel decides after my first visit there to make a proposal, we would be prepared to take it to Egypt," he said. But he explained that it would be more likely that the parties would subsequently negotiate on their positions at Geneva.

This procedure runs counter to what many diplomatic analysts here had expected to come about from Kissinger's trip. It had been assumed he would play an active and direct role in mediating the differences between Egypt and Israel until a disengagement agreement was reached.

Kissinger was scheduled to leave for Aswan at midnight after conferring once again with Egyptian Ambassador-designate Ashraf Ghorbal on the points he will bring to President Sadat.

Kissinger's mention of his "first visit" to Israel also stimulated speculation here that he might go back to Israel after his already planned Aswan-Jerusalem-Aswan itinerary.

The Secretary was asked whether he might be "overplaying" his personal role in the negotiations. But he responded that this forthcoming trip was made at the request of the parties and that subsequent negotiations between them would take place at Geneva, with higher-level participation to be called in only when there is serious deadlock. Following a meeting with Kissinger Wednesday night, Israeli Ambassador Simha Dinitz said he was very satisfied with the role Kissinger is playing in the negotiation procedure.

In his news conference, Kissinger repeated statements made by Dinitz following their meeting, to the effect that in his trip to Aswan, the Secretary of State was not bringing any specific proposals. Any such detailed plans will have to await a decision by the Israeli Cabinet during or after his meeting in Jerusalem over the weekend, both diplomats stated.

It is understood from Israeli sources that despite the long-held Israeli preference for direct negotiations, an active effort by the U.S. to narrow the differences between Israel and Egypt is welcome. In Geneva, they said, Israel is bound to face a combined front of the Arab countries, the Soviet Union, and a "balanced" America, which could overpower any formal Israeli proposal put forth by Israel alone. The procedure expected now, in which the U.S. will present an American set of ideas taking cognizance of the Israeli view, is more likely to gain a result advantageous to Israel, they feel.

Ambassador Dinitz declared in a speech yesterday that he welcomed American help with the disengagement talks, and that American policy on the issue will not be dictated by the Arab oil threat but by America's own interests, which continue to correspond closely with Israel's security aims.

Oil was the principal subject of Secretary Kissinger's press conference which he held jointly with William Simon, Director of the new Federal Energy Office. They reported on President Nixon's invitation to the Foreign Ministers of the chief oil-consuming nations to meet in Washington next month.

Kissinger emphasized that the planned meeting was not called particularly to deal with the continuing Arab oil embargo against the U.S., but on the long-term problems of oil supply and price.

On the embargo specifically he declined to suggest a deadline for American toleration of the Arab use of the oil weapon, but again expressed his strong convictions that the embargo is increasingly inappropriate and a matter that should be considered seriously by those countries imposing it.

He also declined to link the planned meetings among consuming nations and with producing nations to the Arab-Israeli dispute, because, he said, no producing nation has linked its response to developments in that conflict.

As he has in previous conferences on the energy problem, Kissinger strongly denounced go-it-alone policies such as France has pursued in arranging bilateral deals to take care of its oil requirements over the next 20 years. He said that if anything were needed to illustrate the inter-dependence of the world it is what has happened in energy.

Israel visit to begin with working dinner

POST Diplomatic Correspondent

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will begin his visit to Israel on Saturday evening with a working dinner at the Prime Minister's residence in Jerusalem. Ministers Allon, Dayan, Eban and Sapir are expected to attend.

Dr. Kissinger will spend the night in the capital, and resume his talks on Sunday morning. The weekly Cabinet session, usually held on Sunday, has been postponed — probably to Monday.

The Secretary is expected to leave Israel on Sunday after noon.

Two soldiers killed, five hurt in south

Israel warning on food convoys to Third Army

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Two Israeli soldiers were killed yesterday and five others wounded after Egyptian forces opened fire in various sectors of the Suez front, the army spokesman said.

Yesterday's incidents came as Israel warned that the passage of food convoys to the encircled Egyptian Third Army was linked to the maintenance of the cease-fire. The warning, contained in a letter to the U.N., complained of scores of Egyptian violations in a six-day period.

One soldier was killed when the Egyptians opened small arms fire at Israeli positions southwest of Fayid on the western bank of the Canal. They were silenced by Israeli fire. But at 3.20 p.m. the Egyptians fired again and there was another exchange.

The second was killed in an exchange of fire at Jebel Ataka.

In the southern sector a major duel developed when the Egyptians directed 82mm. and 120mm. mortar fire at Israeli troops two kilometres southwest of Adabiya, on the western bank. Israeli artillery replied "forcefully," the spokesman said.

The Egyptians extended their fire to Israeli positions in the Jebel Ataka and Adabiya harbour areas. In the artillery and mortar exchanges, which continued intermittently for several hours, five Israeli soldiers were wounded.

On the Sinai side of the Canal, the Egyptians in the morning opened small arms fire at Israeli forces east of the Small Bitter Lake. They also twice lobbed mortar shells at Israeli positions east of El Balah Island. In both cases, fire was returned.

The Syrian front remained quiet yesterday, the spokesman said.

At 5.30 p.m. Egyptians who tried to dig in at the western outskirts of Suez town were driven off by Israeli fire. At the same time, Egyptians opened fire from recoilless weapons at the jetty of Suez port. They also fired bazooka and anti-tank shells at Israeli forces in the area.

The UN spokesman in Cairo reported one exchange of fire on Tuesday and 10 incidents between Israeli and Egyptian forces along the Suez Canal. He told reporters that air activity had increased, with eight overflights, three by Israel and the rest unidentified.

He said that in the area of Suez town 10 Egyptian soldiers reportedly advanced 50 metres on Monday without returning. UN officials were discussing the matter in Cairo yesterday with Egyptian officials, he said. The UNef has succeeded "up to now" in persuading the Israelis not to fire upon the advanced group, he added.

Israel's letter to the UN detailed 31 artillery bombardments, three mortar barrages, 18 attempted crossings of the cease-fire lines, two anti-tank rocket attacks and 48 cases of small arms fire in the period January 4-9.

The letter cited reports from Cairo in both the Egyptian and foreign press to show that the violations were part of a concerted and premeditated policy of the Egyptian High Command. It noted that the passage of food convoys was "an integral part" of the Six Point Agreement of November 11 — of which the first point was scrupulous observance of the cease-fire.

In another "urgent" letter submitted to the UN Secretary-General yesterday, Israel complained of an escalation of cease-fire violations by Syria in recent days. It charged Syria with deliberately charging a war-like atmosphere on the northern front.

300-km. range Syrians have Scud missile, U.S. confirms

WASHINGTON (Reuter).— Syria as well as Egypt now has long-range Soviet Scud missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Thomas Moorer, said yesterday.

The nearly 300-km. range of the missile would allow it to reach almost all Israeli population centres from Syria, but not necessarily from Egypt.

Admiral Moorer, America's top military officer, confirmed for the first time the existence of the missile in Syria on a television programme yesterday. The Defence Department had previously said the Egyptians had Scuds.

Senior defence officials have said there is no confirmatory evidence that the Egyptians have nuclear warheads for the Scuds, and informed sources say that evidence is the Syrians only possess conventional high explosive warheads.

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Admiral Moorer said the Scud "adds another factor to the capability of the Syrians, but certainly one cannot equate this particular weapon as being one which would in any way shift the balance."

Asked if the Scuds in Syria were operated or controlled by the Russians, Moorer replied that there was certainly Soviet help in training and maintenance. "But I wouldn't expect the Soviets to drive up to the front line with one of these missiles," he said.

The Scud is 12 metres long and weighs about five tons. It is raised to the diagonal for firing. Powered by liquid fuel, the missile reaches the speed of more than 4,800 kms. per hour in flight.

Informed sources also said that a "modest number" of North Korean pilots were now flying Russian-built Mig fighter planes for the Syrians. The sources said they did not believe the North Korean pilots had engaged in any combat.

(Reuter, AP)

Hawk missile caused fire at Abu Rodeis

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — An Israeli Hawk missile caused the fire which has been raging in the Abu Rodeis offshore oil wells for 10 days. This was confirmed yesterday by the Army spokesman after a foreign correspondent stationed here filed the story from abroad. (See box.)

The spokesman said the mishap was being investigated. (Earlier this week Finance Ministry sources said an investigating committee had been set up which included the military.)

The missile, which hit a rig on the night of January 1, was fired at a suspected enemy helicopter.

When the blaze broke out, officials said it was not caused by enemy sabotage or by workers' negligence. They attributed it only to a "technical mishap." Foreign experts have been brought in to extinguish the fire, which has cut production by 15-17 per cent, at a loss estimated at IL1m. a day. Damage to equipment has been put at $5m.

The Board of Directors of Netivei Neft, the government corporation which operates the rigs, has appointed four of its members as an *ad hoc* committee to deal with extinguishing the fire, which is affecting three wells. Yitzhak Sirkin, chairman of the board, told *The Post* yesterday that the committee is composed of himself; Israel Kozlov, director of Frutarom; Meir Giron, general manager of Netivei Neft; and Israel Finkelstein, director of the Kfar Saba aluminium plant Albar.

The committee is receiving reports from the foreign experts already on the spot. More experts are expected during the coming week. He emphasized that the committee is also making use of local experts, and is considering proposals from numerous sources on how best to put out the fire.

It is believed that extinguishing the fire will cost at least IL10m. and will probably take several months of preparation.

Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein told the press earlier this week that there were 24 workers at the offshore oil installation at the time of the conflagration, but that through a "miracle" none of them was hurt.

Correspondent left Israel to file story

TEL AVIV (UPI). — The report on the cause of the Abu Rodeis fire was broken by NBC Correspondent David Burrington who left Israel to file the story in order to circumvent Israeli military censorship.

(The censorship authorities are to consider what sort of legal action should be taken against the NBC correspondent in consultation with the Attorney-General, if and when Mr. Burrington returns here, it was stated last night).

In his report, Burrington also said Syrian troops who captured Israeli positions on Mount Hermon in the Golan Heights during the October War used helicopters with Israeli markings. He said they carried with them Soviet experts who dismantled American-built radar installations on the Israeli positions.

Meir recovering from influenza

Jerusalem Post Staff

Premier Golda Meir was still confined to her home yesterday, recovering from virus influenza. Aides said she was continuing to make progress and was working from home on both international and domestic affairs. But, partly because of the inclement weather, she had not ventured out since she took ill last weekend.

The virus is understood to be causing painful side-effects, but aides said there was no cause for concern.

Mrs. Meir has made no public statement or appearance since the election on December 31, and there has been no official announcement of her illness or bulletin on her convalescence.

Yesterday, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir called on the Premier to report on the coalition negotiations, and Minister without Portfolio Yitzhak Gur came to discuss the Kissinger visit.

Mrs. Meir is to host the U.S. Secretary at a working dinner at her home on Saturday night.

New chief for U.N. observers

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — Swedish Maj.-Gen. Bengt Liljestrand was yesterday appointed commander of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization with responsibility for Israel, Lebanon and Syria.

Liljestrand, 54, replaces Maj.-Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo of Finland who will become chief of staff of the 5,500 U.N. troops stationed along the Suez Canal (UNEF).

Liljestrand will be in charge of about 300 truce observers in the Middle East and five observation posts between Lebanon and Israel and 18 observation posts between Syria and Israel.

Cairo tries to link disengagement to promise of Israel withdrawal

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will meet President Anwar Sadat at the Egyptian resort town of Aswan this evening to discuss a disengagement of forces with Israel. But Cairo indicated yesterday that it now wanted to link the disengagement issue with other aspects of the Middle East crisis — mainly Israel's withdrawal from all occupied territory.

Dr. Kissinger was due to fly into Egypt early today on his third Middle East tour in as many months. He is scheduled to arrive in Jerusalem tomorrow evening for an overnight stay, and then to return to Cairo.

As Cairo prepared for the Secretary of State's arrival, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy decided to postpone a three-day visit he was scheduled to make to Moscow tomorrow. Cairo radio said last night that Fahmy would fly to Moscow next week, after Dr. Kissinger had completed his round of talks in Egypt.

The official Cairo newspaper, "Al-Gomhouriya," said yesterday that Egypt was not prepared to discuss a proposal by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan on the disengagement of forces "unless this was coupled with an Israeli commitment to withdraw from all occupied lands."

The paper confirmed for the first time that Cairo had received the Dayan plan. But it said that his proposal of an Israeli withdrawal from the Suez Canal in exchange for thinning out Egyptian forces on the eastern side of the waterway "represents a great strategic advantage for Israel."

In New York, UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said yesterday there was "a good chance" for an early disengagement of Israeli and Egyptian troops in the Middle East.

He told a news conference, "it should be possible to solve" the problem in Geneva "in the next few weeks."

The Secretary-General said also he was convinced that progress in the political field in the Middle East would "ease the situation in the energy crisis."

Premier-designate fails in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP). — Caretaker Premier Naim Talu Wednesday abandoned his attempt to form a government and to end Turkey's political crisis, now in its ninth week.

Talu was the third unsuccessful premier-designate since the October general elections.

Israel did not propose detailed plan, Eban says

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban firmly denied last night Israel had formulated a detailed plan for disengagement of forces with Egypt, or that Defence Minister Dayan had presented such a plan to U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger at their talks last weekend.

Mr. Eban told an Israel Television interviewer the Government had worked out only "general ideas" — and Mr. Dayan had discussed these ideas with the Secretary of State. There was "a great deal of work still to be done" in order to translate these ideas into a concrete and detailed plan.

The Foreign Minister agreed, though, that Dr. Kissinger seemed to have thought the Israeli ideas a serious basis for discussion with Egypt. And Mr. Eban noted that Egypt had agreed to the Secretary's visit knowing that these ideas would be a basis for discussion.

The Israel Cabinet would not try to crystallize the ideas into a definite plan until after the Secretary had come to Jerusalem and reported on how Egypt had reacted to them.

The interviewer recalled that there had been reports in the press of an intended pull-back to the Mitla Pass, and pressed the Foreign Minister to be more specific. The public, he said, wanted to know.

Mr. Eban said he could not be specific, since the Government itself had not yet gotten down to specifics. He undertook that before Israel signed anything the Government would provide the Knesset and the nation with full details.

Gur, Sion back

Aluf Mordechai Gur and A/M Dov Sion, Israel's negotiating team at the disengagement talks with Egypt, returned home last night as the talks in Geneva recessed until Tuesday.

Oslo case linked to Rome killing

OSLO. — Questioning of defendants in the Bouchiki murder case continued yesterday against the background of official announcements linking the six alleged Israeli agents to another vengeance killing in Rome in October 1972.

State Prosecutor Haakon Wiker yesterday questioned Sylvia Rafael, 36, and Abraham Gehmer, 36, about their part in last summer's slaying of Moroccan waiter Ahmed Bouchiki in Lillehammer.

Both denied knowing about the murder plans until after the fact, but admitted shadowing Bouchiki in hopes of gathering information about expected Black September attacks in Scandinavia.

Gehmer said he "had not even heard Bouchiki's name" before police questioned him. He denied ever having seen pictures of the murder victim.

No significant new details were revealed during public proceedings yesterday, the fourth day of the trial. Gehmer was questioned at a closed session later yesterday about his alleged affiliation with the Israeli intelligence, police officials said.

One of the defendants, Dan Arbel, 33, told police that Gehmer was a Mossad agent and that he recruited some of the participants in the Norway mission. Gehmer and Rafael gave largely similar testimony in fluent English. Both explained that they acted on orders from Edouard Laskier, alias "Mike," dubbed by the prosecution as the leader of the 15-man team sent to Norway. Police have said Mike apparently left Norway before the killing.

In Rome, an Italian magistrate has listed 14 alleged Israeli intelligence agents, including the six now on trial in Oslo, as suspects in the murder of Wael Abdel Zwaiter, described as the Rome representative of the Fatah in October, 1972. Italian police said the same kind of pistol and bullets were used in his killing and in that of Bouchiki.

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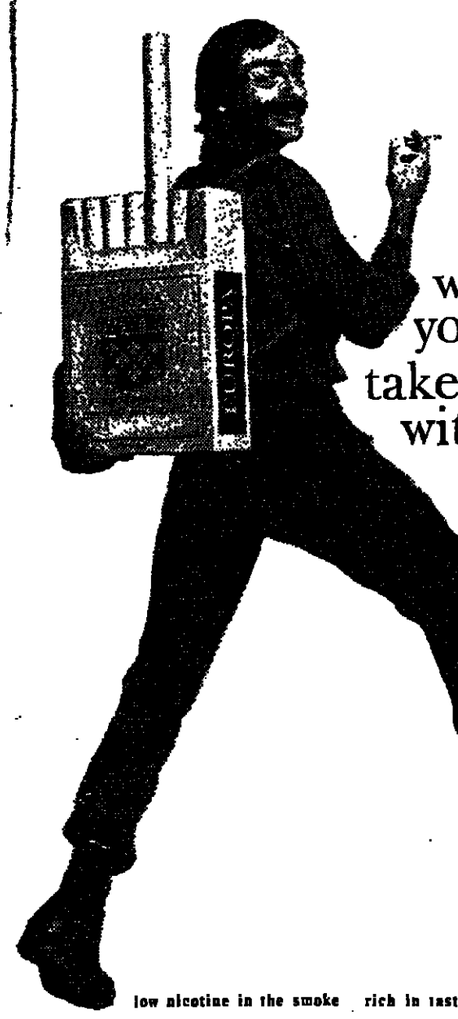

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, with isolated showers.
Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy to fair.
Weather Synopsis: Shallow low over the eastern Mediterranean is weakening.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	92	6—8	7—10
Golan	85	2—6	3—7
Nahariya	66	9—17	9—18
Safed	77	4—7	5—8
Haifa	72	10—15	10—16
Tiberias	85	10—14	11—16
Nazareth	89	7—13	7—14
Afula	84	7—15	7—17
Shomron	85	7—10	8—11
Tel Aviv	91	11—14	10—17
Lod	93	10—15	9—17
Jericho	87	11—16	10—18
Gaza	89	12—17	11—18
Beersheba	67	10—14	9—17
Eilat	50	9—21	9—23
Tiran	33	10—21	10—21

Social and Personal

The President, Prof. Ephraim Katzir, has been made an Honorary Life Member of the American Academy of Sciences. The 25,000-member Academy, whose constitution allows it to elect 100 eminent foreign scholars as honorary members, made the decision unanimously at its December meeting in New York.

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The Netherlands Ambassador, Mr. Gerrit Jan Jongejans, was yesterday presented with a certificate inscribing the Dutch people in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book, by the Ramat Hasharon B'nai B'rith lodge. The certificate is the first in a series which an Israel citizens group hopes eventually to have bound together as a gift for Dutch Queen Juliana.

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The French Ambassador, Jean Herly, yesterday visited the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, where he was received by its president, Prof. Moshe Prywes.

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The new Italian Consul-General in Jerusalem, Giorgio da Andreas, paid a courtesy call yesterday on the acting District Representative Raphael Levy.

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Sgan-Aluf Dan Boham is to speak on The Military Situation at the Haifa Engineers Forum at 1 o'clock today.

Judge Slutzky, Haifa, retires

HAIFA. — Judges and staff gathered at the courthouse here yesterday to say farewell to Haifa District Court Judge Arye Slutzky, who is retiring after 20 years on

Judge Slutzky, who immigrated from Poland in 1944, practised law here until he was named to the Haifa Magistrates' Court in 1951. In 1960 he moved up to the District Court. He received his law degree from the University of Wilno (Vilna) in 1929. *(Him.)*

Higher prices

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Humous, rubber heels and pencils are among the goods which will soon cost more, the Price Review Committee said yesterday.

The committee, at its regular weekly meeting, approved the following price increases:

Canned humous, 11 per cent; pencils, 5.9 to 9.6 per cent, depending on type; urea-base adhesives, 27 per cent; rubber heels and soles, 11.5 per cent; Amcor refrigerators, 12 per cent; and wrapping paper, 25 per cent.

Labour leaders decide against national gov't; argue over lost votes

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party Leadership Bureau last night endorsed a decision not to form a coalition with the Likud but to maintain the same composition as the outgoing government, with "minor adjustments." The motion was tabled by party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin and adopted without a vote. (Negotiations with NRP, below.)

This was the second Leadership Bureau session devoted to an election post mortem. Discussion centred around why the party lost votes.

Mordechai Ben-Porat and Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi blamed the loss on the Alignment's "lurch to the left." Mr. Ben-Porat said the party lost votes to the Likud because of "Professors for the Alignment" and others who called for the ouster of Moshe Dayan and Golda Meir. (Anti-Dayan campaign below.) He added that Mapam, which is also asking for Dayan's removal from the Defence Ministry, should either merge with Labour or quit the Alignment. (Mr. Ben-Porat and Mr. Ya'acobi were among those who favoured a broad coalition with the Likud.)

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, former Histadrut Secretary-General, blamed the Alignment's economic and social policies for the losses at the polls and said many voted in hope of a change in the leadership. He criticized the Government for doing nothing about Aluf Ariel Sharon's political activity, saying "Ben-Gurion disbanded the Palmah for much less." He favoured a coalition with Shulamit Aloni's Citizens Rights Movement, as did Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Mr. Eban reiterated his attack on the policies associated with Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan and blasted "this yearning for charismatic leadership." He inveighed against a national coalition, describing the three-year period of the National Unity Government as having "harmed the credibility of Israel's desire for peace."

Anti-Dayan campaign grows

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—The anti-Dayan campaign inside the Alignment is gaining momentum, with a little help from the party's friends.

The Labour Party has opened the hall at its college, Beit Berl, for a rally tomorrow with the declared aim of influencing the party to oust Moshe Dayan from the Defence Ministry.

Invitations for tomorrow's rally mention that its sponsors come from "Professors for the Alignment," from the Social and Political Ideological Study Circle associated with Lova Eliav, MK, and from the former Lavonists' "Shareit Circle."

Party officials, however, are expected to address the rally and to bring the message from high up that "it is neither timely nor realistic to demand Dayan's ouster," Labour sources told *The Post*. The same sources said this is also the line which is being laid down to Mapam, Labour's junior partner in the Alignment. Mapam is insisting on Mr. Dayan's removal from the Defence Ministry, in keeping with a formal decision taken by its Kibbutz Artzi wing before the December 31 elections.

Attacks on Mr. Dayan came from two other Labour Party sources yesterday. The first was an article by Natan Nevo in the party weekly, "Ot." The writer demanded that Mr. Dayan be replaced.

The second attack came in the form of a post-election circular from the secretary of the party's youth division, Yehiel Leket. Mr. Leket contested the Prime Minister's prerogative to choose her ministers. After an attack on Mr. Dayan (without mentioning his name), the writer demanded that the party's Central Committee be empowered to disqualify the Premier's candidates for the Cabinet.

SUEZ SUNSET—Last-minute preparations for the night watch by an armoured troop carrier squadron in western Sinai. But one man manages to catch up on the previous day's news before the light fades. (Starphot)

NRP seen dropping bid for national coalition

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Alignment yesterday appealed to the National Religious Party to drop their call for a broad national coalition and to help re-establish the outgoing government coalition in as short a time as possible.

The appeal came at the first formal meeting between the two groups' negotiating teams — an Alignment squad led by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and the NRP headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg. The NRP repeated their proposal for a national coalition on as broad a parliamentary base as possible — i.e. for inclusion of the Likud. They said such a coalition would be bound by majority vote.

The Alignment argued for reforming the outgoing coalition, as including the Likud, they said, would paralyse any real policy-making.

The impression of the Alignment negotiators was that the NRP were only paying lip-service to the national coalition idea and would not insist on it to the end. A second meeting was arranged for Sunday.

Dr. Burg had earlier held a meeting with Likud leader Menahem Begin at which they concurred on the need for a broad national coalition. But sources in both parties said they had few illusions about the seriousness of Dr. Burg's commitment to the idea.

The Alignment's second coalition-forming meeting yesterday, held like that with the NRP in the Rehov Hayarkon office of Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin, was with leaders of the Aguda Front. To Mr. Sapir's offer of a part in the coalition, the ultra-Orthodox party replied that this depended on the Alignment's response to a series of religious demands. They would also need the endorsement of the Aguda's Supreme Council of Sages. It was agreed to meet again on Monday.

The Aguda demands include amending the "Who's a Jew" legislation to conform with *halacha*, prohibiting post-mortem without consent, stopping girls' army service and Sabbath TV, and anti-mission legislation.

Pro-Alignment Beduin, Arabs accept whip

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Alignment Knesset faction yesterday formally incorporated the Knesset members elected on three pro-Labour minority lists. This move increases the 51-member faction to 54 and improves the Alignment's bargaining position in allocating Cabinet positions and Knesset committee seats.

This was the first caucus meeting attended by the minority M.K.s. They are Nazareth Mayor Seif e-Din Zuabi (a Moslem Arab), Deputy Communications Minister Sheikh Jaber Muadi (a Druse), and new M.K. Sheikh Hamad Abu Rabeya (a Beduin).

The appearance of the Deputy Minister and the Beduin sheikh in their flowing robes and elegant *kaffiyas* caused a minor sensation at Labour Party headquarters, where the faction caucus was held. Sheikh Abu Rabeya arrived from his Negev home near Kibbutz Shoval in a large Ford limousine.

638 KILLED
Road accident figures remained stable in 1973

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The war year 1973 ended with a decrease in the number of people killed in traffic accidents, 638, compared with 651 in 1972, the Central Bureau of Statistics spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The influence of the Yom Kippur War becomes drastically clear when the nine pre-war months, January to September, are compared with the war and post-war months October, November and December.

In the pre-war months of 1973 accidents with casualties were 10 per cent more than the same period in 1972, while during the last three months there was a 30 per cent decrease, according to the spokesman, David Neumann. (The figures are 11,264, Jan.-Sept. 1972, compared with 12,406 for the same period in 1973; in Oct., Nov., Dec., 1972 there were 4,039 accidents, compared with only 2,872 in the same period of 1973.)

The total of accidents for the two years is almost identical, 15,303 for 1972 and 15,278 for 1973. This is a positive development, considering the steady increase in motor vehicles. In 1972 there were 52 accidents with casualties per 1,000 vehicles, compared with only 40 per 1,000 in 1973

The figures for people injured — 22,000 for 1972 and 19,900 for 1973 — show the same improvement for the post-war quarter of 1973 as do the figures for the number of accidents (in many accidents more than one person is injured). The injured increased eight per cent during the first nine months of 1973 over the same period of 1972. During the last three months of 1973, however, there was a 25 per cent decrease over 1972.

(During Jan.-Sept. 1972, 16,231 persons were injured, compared with 17,552 in 1973; Oct., Nov., Dec. 1972, 5,781 were injured, compared with 4,339 in 1973).

The number of persons who suffered severe injuries dropped from 3,808 in 1972 to 3,571 in 1973.

The year 1973 was similar to 1972 in that about 50 per cent of the vehicles involved in accidents were private cars; 25 per cent were trucks, 15 per cent public vehicles (including buses and taxis) and 10 per cent motorcycles and scooters, the spokesman said.

As in the past, the Bureau's statistics do not include data on military traffic accidents. Military accidents are those involving only military vehicles; an army jeep colliding with a taxi is a civilian accident.

Traffic authorities say that it is too early for the weekly carless day and increased petrol prices which may also reduce driving, to have an impact on accident figures. The wearing of safety belts, however, which becomes compulsory on April 1, is certainly expected to reduce casualties.

Bat Yam gets Likud mayor after long Alignment reign

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAT YAM. — Bat Yam has a new mayor. He is Sgan-Aluf (Res.) Yitzhak Wolker of the Likud, who replaces Menahem Rothschild (Alignment).

The change in municipal administration in Israel's sixth largest town was made possible yesterday when the Likud and the local NRP faction formed a coalition giving them a narrow majority of one. (The Likud won nine of the City Council's 21 seats, and the NRP has two. The Alignment has the remaining 10 seats.)

The price the Likud paid for the NRP's cooperation was to award the post of first deputy mayor to the NRP's Yitzhak Turk. The NRP also received a second deputy mayor post, which goes to Uriel Fellah; the administration and education portfolios; and an undertaking to maintain the *status quo* on religious affairs.

The Likud-NRP agreement puts an end to 10 years of Alignment rule in which this town became Israel's fastest-growing city. The Likud has pledged itself to solve some of the problems which arose from this sometimes-too-speedy development.

Mr. Wolker is 48 years old and the father of five. He plans to take the youth portfolio under his own wing and try and solve some of Bat Yam's juvenile delinquency problems. He is a Herut member and son of a former Tel Aviv councillor.

War Inquiry hears Meir

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister has already testified before the Inquiry Commission into the Yom Kippur War, it is reliably learned. The commission, headed by the President of the Supreme Court, Justice Shimon Agranat, is understood to have called on Mrs. Meir some time last month.

The commission, appointed over seven weeks ago, on November 21, 1973, has, it is learned, kept up at an unrelenting pace of two daily sessions, five days a week.

The terms of reference of the judicial commission, as laid down by the Cabinet on November 18, are to investigate the events leading up to the war and the first stage of the fighting—up to the containment of the enemy. The scope of the inquiry covers decisions taken by the political as well as the military authorities in the crucial days and hours leading up to the war. The commission's proceedings are secret, but findings and recommendations are to be published, to the extent that the commission itself deems fit, at the end of its deliberations.

Nato denies rockets taken from its bases

BRUSSELS (AP). — A Nato spokesman said yesterday that no missiles are missing from installations it uses, according to information he has received.

Belgian Government sources said on Wednesday several small ground-to-air missiles have been stolen in recent weeks from European military depots. Most such depots are used by Nato. The Belgian sources said the recent general alert to airports against the possibility of terrorist attacks was declared after the missiles disappeared. Previously, there had been reports that similar missiles had been shipped secretly through Belgium and northern France.

The two reports left it unclear whether the alert was due to fear of Soviet or Western missiles. But the authorities apparently feared small, heat-seeking rockets might be fired by Arab terrorists against U.S. or Israeli planes.

Brian Arthur reports from Bonn:

At least five oil refineries concentrated around the pipeline terminals at Ingolstadt and Neuburg in Bavaria were under guard yesterday by State and Federal police backed up by armoured vehicles, in view of reports of a possible Arab terrorist attack.

Some newspaper reports said the feared attack in West Germany was believed linked with two similar actions carried out against French refineries recently.

Ignis beat T.A. Maccabi

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sluggish shooting last night cost Tel Aviv Maccabi the game and a six-point deficit in the first leg of their European Cup basketball match against Ignis Varese, the Italian champions winning 83:77 at the Yad Eliahu Sports Palace here.

A full house of 10,000 fans, including scores of wounded soldiers and thousands in uniform, saw the Italians elad 43:38 at half-time. Raga, Morse and Meneghin for Ignis made scoring look easy, while the local boys made hard work of finding the hoop. The Ignis players were especially accurate with long-range shooting, Raga scoring 26 points and Morse 23.

The Maccabi defence had loopholes, and the side were out of luck at crucial stages in the game. After Ignis led 30:24, Maccabi had a great run to go into a 32:30 lead. But bad mistakes by Mickey Berkowitz stopped Maccabi from forging ahead into a commanding lead. The sides were level at 37:37 before Ignis went ahead.

The Italians took a 55:47 lead after the interval, but Gabi Najmark led a Maccabi revival that took them to 61:63. From then on Ignis remained ahead until the end.

Brody, Pless Stevens and Najmark were best for Maccabi.

The return leg of this quarter-final match will be played in Varese next Thursday.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Mif'al Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 303734 and 627916. No. 569826 won IL50,000. No. 562213 and 692128 won IL12,500. Tickets No. 107220 257285 414075 and 605829 won IL6,250.

Tickets ending with 02326 14097 26521 29647 44707 57682 73881 91680 93894 and 97139 won IL600.

Tickets ending with 13384 16920 17062 21700 30383 32704 39188 40031 40884 44036 46600 46997 53598 54220 59579 60942 60968 76464 78055 83851 84560 88320 92383 96940 and 97325 won IL250.

Tickets ending with 0606 1064 2130 4925 6440 8979 won IL100.

Tickets ending with 0091 1107 1331 1397 1540 1911 2517 2620 3206 3489 3494 3545 3679 3757 4523 5272 5325 5328 5590 5733 6157 6200 6577 7274 7704 7886 7939 7988 8098 8278 8534 8575 8766 8882 8968 8974 9137 9195 9969 won IL50.

Tickets ending with the digit 5 won IL4.

The following tickets won IL1,250: 793806 013737 029153 031766 036889 161646 208753 209883 301724 328328 394400 451588 475659 498574 518089 539284 549482 559305 559667 683287 753862.

HAIFA POLICE this week preferred charges against 17 businessmen for violations of the regulation banning show-window lighting and neon advertisements after 10 p.m. They face possible fines of IL1,000.

Upside down

The illustration, Jacob's dream appearing on page 10 of the Weekend Magazine published with this issue, was inadvertently printed upside down. Our apologies to the artist and to the reader.

Future issues may not be so good
Sanbar insists linked loans are 'reasonable'

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sanbar, stated yesterday that he sees no point in changing the terms of the Government's linked loans, since they give the lender a reasonable yield.

Alarmed by the growth of the public debt (because the link to the price index has increased the value of the bonds by one-quarter during the last 12 months), the Treasury has made it known that it is considering whether to take corrective action. Accountant-General Haim Stessl assured *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday evening that there is no intention of taxing receipts accruing from the linkage provision, nor of ceasing to issue linked securities.

The Treasury spokesman added yesterday that any changes that might be adopted will not affect the earnings on bonds currently held by the public. Nevertheless, rumours that the fiscal weapon may be used caused a fall of four points in quotations for these bonds on the Stock Exchange over the last two days.

Mr. Sanbar declared yesterday in a radio interview that the cause of the imbalance between the Government's revenue and spending on internal loans is that the Government lends money at artificially cheap interest rates. The cost of the subsidy (compared with the price that the Treasury pays for its money) came during the last year to 20 per cent of the value of the loans. The remedy, in Mr. Sanbar's view, is to increase the price of the Government's "soft" loans to the public. "I have been advocating this ever since I became Governor," he said.

Interfering with the linkage provisions would simply dry up the flow of savings, Government officials point out — just as the enactment of a capital gains tax on stock exchange securities in the early 'sixties dried up that type of investment at the time (the tax was promptly repealed).

One idea being canvassed in the Treasury is to lower the interest rate on linked bonds (at present 6.5 per cent, with a tax ceiling of 25 per cent. Return on the linked War Loan is three per cent, with zero tax). Another proposal is to institute a partial linkage. But any such changes would only affect future loan issues, it is stressed.

Likud almost wins 15th T.A. Council mandate

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Likud faction in the new Municipal Council yesterday came within 35 votes of an additional mandate (their 15th), when 298 additional soldiers' votes were discovered.

The additional ballot slips were forwarded to the Tel Aviv Municipal Elections Organizing Committee yesterday morning. They had erroneously been sent to other local authorities and therefore arrived here late.

Out of the 298 votes, 237 were valid. Of these 124 went to the Likud, 104 to the Alignment, and nine to the Independent Liberals. But the additional votes failed to change the composition of the new Council, in which the Likud has 14 members, the Alignment 11, the ILP and NRP two each, and the Aguda Bloc and Avraham Boyar one each.

Had the Likud won an additional council seat, however, it would have been at the expense of its coalition partner, the ILP, and the coalition would still have the same total of 16 seats.

Coalition talks are to resume here this morning between the Likud and the ILP, on one hand, and the religious parties on the other. If agreement is not reached by Sunday, the talks will probably be broken off, and the NRP and Aguda will join the Alignment in opposition.

New Knesset may act to streamline c'ttees

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Representatives of all the lists elected to the Eighth Knesset will meet in the Knesset building on Sunday at 11 a.m. to choose an unofficial arrangements committee which is to decide on the distribution of deputy speakerships, the number of Knesset Committees, and the distribution of their chairmanships. This should be done before the House sits for the first time on Monday, January 21.

The names of candidates for Speaker will be aired less publicly than this, in discreet contacts between heads of factions.

The opening session of the House will formally approve the establishment of an arrangements committee but by that time, hopefully, the problems will all have been worked out.

Some Alignment and Likud leaders are already thinking of reducing the number of deputy speakerships from eight to six. This would give three to the Alignment, two to the Likud and one to the NRP. (Should a non-Alignment Member be elected as Speaker, the Alignment will presumably demand more deputy speakers, to preserve its majority on the presidium.)

In the Seventh Knesset, the NRP had one deputy speaker, the Likud two, and the Labour-Mapam Alignment five—of which one went to Mapam, and one each to the ex-Mapai, ex-Ahdut Avoda, and ex-Rafi wings of Labour.

Some Knesset Members are toying with the idea of reducing the number of Committees from nine to seven — giving four chairmanships to the Alignment and three to the Likud. This would leave the NRP out. The alternative would be more accurate arithmetically, and would increase the number of Committees to 10: five to the Alignment, four to the Likud and one to the NRP. None of the other factions have ever rated chairmanships.

Since the Committees in some cases existed as much to please the parties as to cope with the parliamentary work, there was considerable duplication in the past, as Committees' spheres of authority converged and even overlapped. There would be less of this duplication if, for example, two Committees — the Social Services and Economic Affairs Committees — were eliminated this time.

Government officials reporting to Knesset Committees have more than once found in the past that they were shuttling between two and three different committees, at the request of different chairmen, yet they were briefing the same MKs each time (as some sit on several Committees) on one and the same topic. Juvenile delinquency, for instance, was being examined at one stage simultaneously by the Labour, Education and Social Services Committees.

Some Members suggest that the number of people on each Committee be reduced from 19, to 17 or even 15.

A membership of 19 was farcical, in fact. No Committee was ever fully attended. MKs demanded and got appointments to Committees for prestige reasons but did not bother to come to sessions. In most of the Committees, average attendance was seven or eight, a dozen being exceptional.

When Knesset Members were criticised for poor attendance in the plenum, they usually replied that they were too busy attending Committees. This, however, was often evasion, since attendance at Committees was far from general.

According to one estimate given to *The Post*, about one-third of all Knesset membership was doing the Committee work and the remaining 80 MKs regarded their parliamentary careers as a sideline, except where newsy, controversial or critically political issues were concerned.

Fewer Committees, with fewer members on each, would reduce the magnitude of the problem.

The Likud is said to be planning a bid to get at least one top Committee. One suggestion heard is that, if the idea of a National Emergency Cabinet finally falls through, the Likud will be offered chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee as a sop to them and to the NRP. This would create the image of Knesset control, and of wider solidarity between Coalition and Opposition on crucial issues, while appeasing the "angry young men" of the NRP. It would not hamper the Government for all practical purposes, since Ministers only come to the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee to report what they wish to report, and when it suits them. (The committee has no statutory power to order any person to appear before it and answer questions, nor are its decisions binding.)

As far as the Alignment is concerned, the chairmanship of this committee is much more dispensable than the chairmanship of the Finance Committee. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir has always set great store by the close cooperation of Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman, of the Alignment. Kargman's place on the Alignment list owes more to Sapir's patronage than is generally realised.

However, a minority of Alignment MKs, seeking an alternative to Kargman who would be just as loyal to the Finance Minister, yet more abrasive, have toyed with the idea of proposing Avraham Ofer.

This idea may take shape, if Ofer has no prospects of becoming Housing Minister.

We extend deepest sympathy to Tirtza Tanzman (Preiss) on the death of her husband,

YITZHAK ז"ל

Jewish Agency for Israel
Immigration and Absorption Dept.
and colleagues in the Social Services Division

We deeply mourn the death of my dearly beloved husband, our loving father and grandfather

ALFRED LEVY Dipl. Eng.

who passed away in his 84th year and was buried in a quiet ceremony according to his wishes.

Please refrain from condolence visits.

Martha Levy née Salinger
Ellen Adler née Levy and family
Reuben Levy and family
and all relatives in Israel and abroad.

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM
The School of Education
mourns the death of

BERTHA S. SCHOOLMAN

distinguished Youth Aliyah and Hadassah leader who, together with her husband, A.P. Schoolman, contributed greatly to the training of Israel's teachers and educators.

I wish to thank very sincerely all relations, friends, and acquaintances who offered sympathy on the death of my dear husband,

HANS AUFRICHT ז"ל

Anni Aufricht

SCIENTIST CLAIMS:

Tiran Straits could provide power for entire country

REHOVOT. — Israel could produce all the electricity it needs by harnessing the waters flowing through the Straits of Tiran, according to a Weizmann Institute scientist.

In an article appearing today in the Institute's internal bulletin, Dr. Gad Assaf of the isotopes department suggests using the temperature difference between water entering and leaving the Gulf of Eilat via the Straits. This water flows in at 24 degrees centigrade, he says, sinks as it is cooled by heavy evaporation in the Eilat area, and then flows out at low level at 22 degrees.

Although this temperature difference may seem small, Dr. Assaf notes, the energy which could be generated from the 40,000-cubic-metre-a-day flow through the Straits comes to 1,500 megawatts — about Israel's total electricity needs. Even more could be produced by building underwater dams in the Straits to increase the temperature difference.

A still larger output — 5,000 megawatts — could be drawn from the Gulf of Suez, which because of its greater shallowness has a sharper temperature gradient.

Thanks to the energy crisis there is now a great deal of research into motors worked by temperature differences, and the progress is encouraging.

Dr. Assaf notes that this promising energy source involves no dangerous by-products or serious threats to the environment, and says the only investment needed would be for the initial installations. He is aware of the geopolitical difficulties involved.

Amiad to succeed Bloch as head of Electric Corp.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Ariel Amiad, former Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv, will assume the post of general manager of the Israel Electric Corporation on February 1, the Board of Directors decided yesterday. Mr. Amiad is now deputy to the general manager, Avraham Bloch, who retires at the end of this month.

Mr. Bloch, who was 65 in November, entered the service of the then Palestine Electric Corporation on his 27th birthday. Between then and 1971 he headed the Personnel Department, the Manpower Department and the Supply Department. In 1962 and 1963 Mr. Bloch headed the IEC purchasing mission in Germany. He served as deputy to former general manager Ya'acov Khoushy, and took over the No. 1 job himself on January 1, 1972.

The Minister of Transport has written to Mr. Bloch to express his appreciation for his work, adding that the Ministry hopes to have Mr. Bloch's assistance in future as an adviser on purchasing.

Mr. Amiad resigned as Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv at the end of 1972, largely over personal difficulties with Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, and went to work for the Electric Corporation on January 1, 1973. He was also named to the IEC's Board of Directors. Our Haifa correspondent reported at the time that there was considerable opposition to Mr. Amiad's appointment inside the IEC, whose employees didn't like the idea of an "outsider" being "parachuted in."

While in the Tel Aviv City Council, Mr. Amiad campaigned strenuously for cleaning up the city and for reorganizing its administrative structure. Before that he served as Director-General of the Agriculture Ministry and was responsible for a much-lauded agricultural development plan in the administered areas.

ARIEL AMIAD

Amiad, 49, was born in Tel Aviv, studied at the Hebrew University and won degrees with honours in economics and public administration at Cornell University. He was demobilized in 1950 after serving in the War of Independence and rising to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. On his return from the U.S. in 1954 he enlisted again in the army at the request of then Prime Minister and Defence Minister David Ben-Gurion to reorganize the Signal Corps. He joined the civil service in 1958 and, in 1961, was appointed Director-General of the Agriculture Ministry by then Minister Moshe Dayan.

Amiad enters his post at a time when the Corporation is facing a drop in income of over IL100m. a year as a result of reduced consumption of electricity (because of the decline in economic activity since the Yom Kippur War and fuel-saving measures which began last month).

Dry weekend is predicted

TEL AVIV. — After five consecutive days of rain, the weatherman promises a cloudy but dry weekend. He added that this week's rainfall did not help to raise the dangerously low level of Lake Kinneret.

The Histadrut's Agricultural Centre will meet next Thursday to discuss the problems that will face the country's farmers next summer if flood water and melting snow from the Hermon do not raise the level of the lake by the end of the winter. One of the proposals will be to cut by 10 per cent the yearly water quota for agriculture.

The present yearly quota is 1,000 million cubic metres of water.

This week's rain was happily received by the farmers and by Jewish National Fund foresters, who will now be able to continue to plant seedlings.

They had to stop because of the dry spell in December. Since the start of the present rainy season in the middle of September, the JNF has planted 1,300,000 seedlings.

Sharif picks Israelis for bridge circuit

LONDON (UPI). — Egyptian movie star and bridge champion Omar Sharif is doing his bit to help bridge the differences between his country and Israel.

Sharif has chosen Israel's leading players Mori Stampf and Adrian Schwartz as teammates for this month's Cutty Sark international bridge tour of Britain, the organizers announced yesterday.

Special security measures will be taken in view of Sharif's "provocative choice of colleagues," a spokesman for the sponsors said.

English internationals Jeremy Flint and Boris Schapiro are also in the squad, which opens the tour in Glasgow on January. 28.

THE ITALIAN luxury liner Leonardo Da Vinci is bringing 740 American tourists to Israel on January 23 for a three-day visit. The 33,000 vessel has already left New York and will call at various ports, including Dakar (Senegal) and Casablanca before coming to Haifa.

Itzik and his ma, Purveyors to the Troops

The warmest bath-house in Syria

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KHAN ARNABA, Occupied Syria. — Rain being driven across the grey Syrian plateau by strong winds lashed at four soldiers huddled in a reconnaissance jeep feeling its way through this captured Syrian village early this week. From the porch of a building, a bearded soldier beckoned them in out of the storm and the four raced inside.

What they found was not merely shelter but — by the bleak standards of the Syrian front — a palace of oriental delights. They had hardly had a chance to thaw out in the amply heated building when cups of hot coffee and pieces of home-made cake were thrust into their hands.

The dazzled patrol men were then led to a room shrouded in mist. At one end were shower stalls, at the other a home-made sauna whose heated stones threw up clouds of steam as water was poured on them.

The mud-caked quartet, who had not showered since their last home visit, said wistfully that they had no change of clothing with them. "You don't need any," said their bearded host, "I'll give you clean underwear, a clean uniform and even new boots if you need them." When the men emerged an hour later, fortified by shots of brandy, the rain no longer seemed to matter.

The bath-house of Khan Arnaba has become, for the thousands of men deployed along the Syrian front, an almost dreamlike retreat from a world of mud, cold and shelling. It is not only the heat, the showers and the change of clothing that bring them streaming in but the regular visits by groups of *dodot* ("aunties") from the civilian rear. These are in fact Jewish mothers beefing up the front line with that ultimate weapon — chicken soup. They also bring with them home-made cakes, pies, brandy and other items not normally furnished by the army quartermaster.

The bath-house operation was organized by Lt. Itzik and his mother. Itzik, a Netanya accountant whose normal reserve duty is liaison with UN cease-fire observers, was mobilized towards the end of the Yom Kippur War and told to set up a shower facility for the troops in the northern front. The reservist officer is an old soldier adept at organizing a measure of civilization even on the front line. ("I would always try to get called up for reserve duty in July or August and be assigned to a UN post in the foothills of the Hermon. You couldn't ask for better weather and I take along a sackfull of books.")

Itzik chose as his bathhouse site Khan Arnaba, in the heart of the Israel bulge in Syria. (The village, appropriately, was also the site of an ancient khan which had served travellers on the road between Acre and Damascus.) Commandeering an empty building, he had army technicians rig up shower stalls. "But I saw that this wasn't enough," he explained. "I wanted a place where the men could get out of their dirty clothing and drink something hot." It was the sort of situation in which a man turns to his mother.

Itzik's mother, an energetic lady from Netanya, soon had the local Wizo branch involved. Each Sunday, 180 Wizo ladies each bake a cake and the following morning they are loaded into a van (lent by a Netanya firm) along with large pots of soup, liquor, cigarettes, knitted caps and other supplies. The half dozen ladies who make the trip each week spend about three hours on the porch of Itzik's inn, distributing their wares after heating up the soup and making coffee. Even before they are finished, another group of aunties arrives from Haifa.

"I've got teams of *dodot* up here every morning and afternoon," says Itzik. Groups recruited by him and his mother include Wizo, Rotary and Mizrahi Women from Haifa, Working Mother groups from Netanya and Tel Aviv, and faculty groups from the Technion and Haifa University.

"There isn't any shortage of food here, you understand," says Itzik. "But the fact that the men are handed cake and coffee by some *doda* who has taken the trouble to come up here makes all the difference."

Samal Baruch (holding bowl) outside the Khan Arnaba bath-house. (Rabinovich)

The response of the troops to these visits is so enthusiastic that the chief bath-house attendant, Samal Baruch, is invariably overwhelmed as he tries to maintain order around the serving tables. "I can't stand rudeness," complains the bearded sergeant who normally runs a flower shop in Bnai Brak. He and his three assistants — like him, ultra-Orthodox reservists who had served as infantrymen during the war — rise each dawn to get the bath-house fires going.

If Lt. Itzik had his way they would be working nights too. "If I can get hold of a 16 mm. projector, I'd start a cinema."

A burly tank sergeant emerging from the shower-room this week said he popped over to the bath-house as frequently as he could from his front-line position, not far away. "They've got everything here," he said, "except geisha girls."

German couple send savings to aid wounded

A West German clergyman and his wife have donated DM5,000 out of their personal savings to help wounded Israel soldiers and their families.

The donation and a letter from Rev. Paul Achenbach and his wife, Caroline, of Bad Crozingen, arrived at the President's Residence recently. They said in their letter that they were sending the money to help alleviate the suffering caused the Jewish People during the October war.

The President's office said Wednesday that the Achenbachs are well known in Israel for their charitable works, including aid to Alyn, Akim, and other institutions.

In Nahariya, the Mayor of Templehof (West Berlin), Bernard Hoffman, presented the city with a DM20,000 gift from the people of his borough. (Templehof is Nahariya's twin city.)

The Town Council immediately handed the cheque over to the local branch of the Soldiers Welfare Association.

Seamen's imports and Israel shipping.

The death of a thriving business

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The shelves of the shops and stalls selling "seamen's imports" are thinning out. This is one of the results of the suspension of the Haifa-Europe service of Israel's two passenger ships, Dan and Nili, whose crews were the major suppliers of these goods. The ships have been laid up since the Yom Kippur War, with the exception of an occasional trip or two, and are now awaiting the Government's decision on whether to abolish the service altogether, in view of its heavy losses.

Most affected by the drying up of the supply source are cosmetics and clothing, which were the favourite items brought in by the crews of the two ships. Legally each man is permitted to bring in IL150 worth of goods duty free from each 10-day sailing. This already amounted to tens of thousands of pounds worth of goods for the commercial market, and over the years a huge trade developed in "seamen's imports" around the port, as well as in other cities. The men were also well known for their persistent smuggling of goods over and above the legal limits, and every now and then Customs Police would intercept a large quantity of contraband. (The last catch was made last month, when the Nili returned from a one-time trip to Italy and customs men confiscated IL250,000 worth of watches and transistor radios, hidden in a double wall in one of the cabins.)

Despite frequent discovery and seizure of the contraband, the trade was so well organized and lucrative that the losses did not deter the men. Experts estimated that the only way to stop the smuggling would be to stop the ships from sailing. It would appear that they were right.

One former crew member told *The Jerusalem Post* that one of the methods was for a local merchant to give his "contact" on board ship a pre-paid order for goods. If the sailor managed to get the order safely ashore, he would get a percentage. If the goods were seized, the merchant sustained the loss. The danger to the seaman was not too great, since the customs men who discover the goods are seldom able to find out who they belong to. The sailor is thus free to try again.

The smuggling sometimes degenerated into shameful scenes, with the men wearing two or three layers of clothing, which they would take off once out of the port, go back to the ship and bring out another haul on their own backs. Frequently they also used their wives and other family members to help them get clothing out in this fashion.

But one popular item has lost its allure. Since Ata started marketing Levi's jeans, the demand for jeans smuggled in from abroad has declined. The economic slowdown since the war has also limited the market for the more expensive contraband, such as watches and radios, it is learned.

Seamen warn: Keep Dan, Nili in service

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Seamen's Union (ratings division) warned Transport Minister Shimon Peres yesterday that they would "apply sanctions" if the two passenger ships Dan and Nili were not kept in service. They did not say what form their "sanctions" would take.

A delegation of union members met the Minister in Jerusalem yesterday to press the case for continuing passenger shipping under the Israel flag, despite a recommendation of Zim's Board of Directors to liquidate this branch of the merchant fleet. At present it is losing IL15m. a year, most of which the taxpayer has to make up.

Mr. Peres pointed out to the seamen that the Government had undertaken to subsidize passenger shipping for three years at the rate of not more than $1m. a year, and that the Government could not be expected to go on bearing such a high loss.

When the seamen suggested a public inquiry, the Minister agreed, on condition the men agreed to accept its findings. This they were not prepared to do.

Mr. Peres will bring the views of the Zim Board of Directors and of the seamen before the Government on Sunday.

55 hotels used by immigrants

Of the 55,000 immigrants who arrived last year, some 35,000 are living in temporary quarters rented for them by the Jewish Agency, an official said in Jerusalem this week.

Yirmiyahu Eshed, director of absorption services in the Agency's Immigration Department, said 15,000 immigrants were being housed in 53 hotels serving as absorption centres and old age homes, and 20,000 in rented flats.

He said he foresaw no difficulties in providing temporary housing to new immigrants in the next few months, provided the supply of permanent housing increases.

CARMELIT IS OUT OF ORDER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "Technical malfunction" stopped the Carmelit underground yesterday. The breakdown is to be exploited for a general overhaul and the Carmelit will thus be out of action for several days, it was announced. The management would not say what caused the breakdown.

The stoppage will add to the pressure on urban bus service, curtailed because of the shortage of drivers. Despite the Transport Minister's pleas to drivers of private cars to pick up civilian passengers at bus stops, the response in this city has been next to nil. (Tel Aviv streets—p.2)

No arson found in publishers' fire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police investigators have not found any evidence pointing to arson in the fire which on Wednesday night completely destroyed the premises of the Yavneh publishing firm in Rehov Mazeh here.

This was announced yesterday by the spokesman for the Tel Aviv District Police, Chief Superintendent Amos Aricha, who said detectives were still going over the ruins in their search for the cause. The fire, which burned until morning, destroyed office equipment and tens of thousands of books. *(Itim)*

Fight for Soviet Jews

TEL AVIV. — American Jewry will not give up the fight for the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel, according to Stanley Lowell and Malcolm Hoenlein, chairman and executive director, respectively, of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The two are here on a week's visit to make contact with recent immigrants from Russia.

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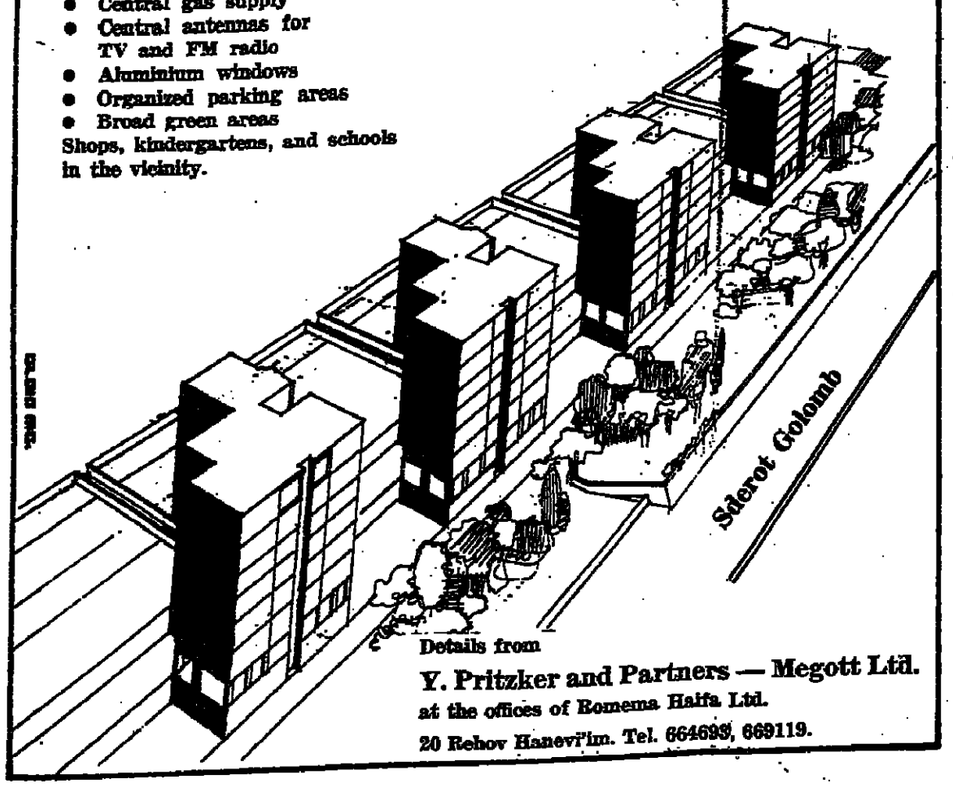

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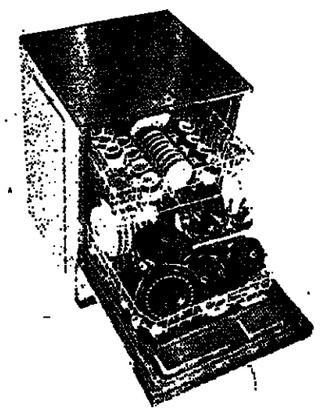

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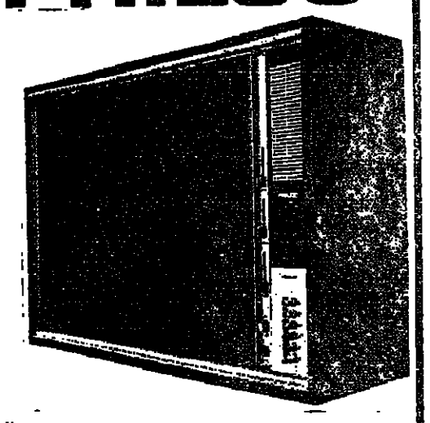

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Yamani promises oil after peace in M.E.

ROME.—Europe and Japan can get the oil they need the moment the Arabs get peace in the Middle East, the Saudi Arabian Oil Minister said yesterday.

"What we want is peace. Peace is precious for all and thus we are ready to collaborate with all," Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani said on arrival in Rome with his Algerian colleague, Belaid Abdessalam. The two men are on a tour of Western Europe and Japan to explain oil restrictions imposed in the wake of the October war. Rome, where they planned to spend the day meeting government officials, was their second stop after Madrid.

"We are greatly concerned with the state of the world economy and the prosperity of Europe, as well as that of Japan and other importing countries," Yamani said in an airport statement.

"... We are here as friends, on a cooperation mission to explain what our problems are."

Yamani did not say how he expected Europe and Japan to help the Arab cause, but he emphasized that peace in the Middle East must come before oil supplies are increased.

He declined comment on President Nixon's suggestion for a conference of the world's leading oil consuming nations in February. "This is a question you should ask the industrialized nations that will have to make a decision," Yamani said. "We don't want to interfere in their affairs."

Yamani said Europe was not included in the Arab oil embargo against the U.S. and Japan, who are considered friendly to Israel.

"Europe is receiving the same amount of oil as in September, 1973, and even more," Yamani said.

But he did not explain his statement, contradicted by the fact of oil shortages across Europe.

Japanese government sources said yesterday that Yamani will fly into Japan January 22, for a three-day visit. During his stay here, he will hold talks with Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira and other government leaders.

The sources said the Japanese Government plans to offer Japanese economic cooperation to Middle East countries in return for a stable supply of oil from Arab countries.

A Beirut weekly reported yesterday that Saudi Arabia's oil revenue has almost trebled as a result of an increase in oil prices. The weekly "Al-Sayyad" quoted a Saudi official as saying that his country's oil income had risen from $7,000m. to $20,000m.

Another oil-producing country, Kuwait, said yesterday that it has surrounded its oilfields with explosives, ready for use in case of any intervention of the kind mentioned recently by U.S. Defence Secretary James Schlesinger.

The Gulf state's Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah al Ahmed, was disclosing the measures for the first time, though Kuwait — like Saudi Arabia and Algeria — has previously warned that it would destroy its oil installations if any big power tried to take them over.

(UPI, Reuter)

U.S. invitation to oil talks sparks doubts

Nearly all the oil-consuming countries invited by President Nixon to participate in energy talks welcomed the initiative yesterday, but several made it clear they had reservations about the conference.

Officials in Paris said it was almost certain that France would agree to Nixon's suggestion of a conference of nine key Western nations February 11 in Washington to discuss the oil situation. France is nevertheless opposed to the creation of any common Western front against the oil-producing nations, and will demand explanations from Washington on what exactly the U.S. Administration is trying to accomplish at the meeting, officials said.

The British Government, racing against time, decided to dispatch Lord Carrington, its newly appointed oil official, to the Middle East in search of future supplies.

While welcoming the proposed American initiative for a multilateral approach to the oil problem, Britain nevertheless appeared decided to lose no time in pushing her own luck following France's go-it-alone tactics.

Oil experts feared that the scramble for oil now in progress, with buyers evidently prepared to pay almost any price in equipment, arms and cash, could seriously impede an arrangement negotiated from strength and impair an equitable oil distribution in the long run.

In Bonn, Chancellor Willy Brandt gave a general welcome to Nixon's proposal, and it was announced West Germany would next week seek a joint position with other Common Market countries on the subject.

The Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development has already accepted Nixon's invitation, officials said in Paris. *(UPI, Reuter)*

Former world chess champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union, right, plays a round of tennis at the Racquet Club in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Soviet chess master was relaxing during his preparations for a forthcoming chess tournament. (AP radiophoto)

Heavy fighting continues around Cambodian capital

PHNOM PENH (UPI). — Heavy fighting raged on two sides of Phnom Penh yesterday, while Communist gunners continued to shell the city and Pochentong airport. The Communist drive to isolate Phnom Penh and gain total control of the countryside is considered the most extensive since American planes were withdrawn from the war last August 15.

The latest Communist offensive to wrest control of the nation from President Lon Nol began in mid-December, and has since steadily gained momentum, observers said. But it is believed that the Communist forces in Cambodia do not have the supplies to sustain a major drive.

One Western military observer said, "The Communists have thrown substantial forces into the offensive without making any substanti gains. The government troops a holding their own."

The largest push by the insurge troops is in an area only six ki west of Phnom Penh, and just nor of Pochentong airport.

Cambodian Air Force fighte yesterday dropped napalm on Khm Rouge insurgents threatening t airport. Front-line field comman ers called in T28s to drop the fla ing chemical on a series of villag northwest of the city and close the airport.

In South Vietnam, plans to r lease more than 4,000 prisoners the Vietnam war for the Tet Lun New Year broke down yesterda with the Vietcong and the Saig Government blaming each other f failing to reach agreement on ho and when to make the exchang Spokesmen of each side said neg tiators were unable to agree on release schedule when they met Saigon's Tan Son Nhut air bas They will meet again today, b little hope is held out for agreeme before Tet.

Fiat denies Libya turned back tractors

TURIN (AP). — Fiat denied yesterday a report that Libya recently sent back to Italy a shipment of tractors to back up demands for dismissal of the editor of a Fiat-owned local newspaper, "La Stampa."

The report in Rome's financial paper, "Il Globo," said the order to return the shipment marked the beginning of an Arab boycott against the Italian company. The Arab Boycott Office has asked Fiat to fire the Jewish editor-in-chief of "La Stampa" or face economic reprisal. The Boycott Office said editor Arrigo Levi was a "Zionist working against the Arabs."

The threat came after "La Stampa" printed an article ridiculing Libyan strongman Col. Muammar Gaddafi and his philosophy.

The Italian Government, meanwhile, had rejected the Arab request to fire Levi after politicians, Fiat and newspapers had reacted indignantly to the Arab boycott threat.

Fiat said the report in "Il Globo" may be the result of misunderstanding. The company spokesman said that in the past few days part of a load of Fiat trucks and buses failed to pass Libyan customs because delivery papers were not in order owing to new rules the Libyans enforced.

The Fiat spokesman described this as "an episode which has been already solved," and that "there are currently no business relations with Libya in the sector of tractors."

U.S. to import 'purer' vodka from China

NEW YORK (UPI). — The Chinese, who say their Communism is purer than the Russian brand, may soon make the same claim for their vodka.

An import firm, the Chinese Liquor and Spirits Corp., has announced it will market in the U.S. this year a brand of vodka, appropriately labelled "Great Wall."

"Great Wall," will compete with 20 imported brands in the U.S. including "Stolichnaya," imported from the Soviet Union. The Russians export more than 300,000 bottles of vodka to the U.S. yearly.

FRENCH TOLD THEY MUST SAVE OIL

PARIS (UPI). — President Georges Pompidou said yesterday the energy crisis has plunged France into serious difficulties which can be overcome only if the French start saving oil.

Speaking at the Congress of French Chambers of Agriculture, Pompidou said the period of wasteful consumption in the West has come to an end because nations once considered as mere suppliers of raw materials had shown they had the means to defend their interests.

"The industrialized world has just realized that the era of indiscriminate consumption is over," Pompidou said. "All French people must save oil to allow us to overcome the very serious difficulties threatening us in 1974."

His call was made while French car owners queued up at petrol stations to tank up at going rates before the government price office decreed sweeping price increases for all petroleum products.

The new price for a litre of petrol was up by 30 per cent to 1.75 francs.

Government officials confirmed that, in addition to a three-year contract with Saudi Arabia for the sale of 27 million tons of oil announced Wednesday, the two countries are discussing a big long-range contract guaranteeing France large oil supplies against industrial equipment.

After the preliminary rounds of talks on the contract, which might be a 20-year deal involving a total 800 million tons of oil, both Saudi and French negotiators have put their views down in writing in a memorandum.

French Foreign Minister to visit Saudi Arabia

AMMAN (UPI). — French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert will visit Saudi Arabia on January 24 at the invitation of Saudi Arabian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Omar Sakkaf, Riyadh radio said yesterday.

The radio said Jobert will make a three-day visit.

GERMANS. — Almost 23,000 ethnic Germans returned to West Germany from several East European countries in the past year following Chancellor Willy Brandt's policy of detente with Communist-ruled states.

Japan willing to help Palestinians

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Japanese Deputy Premier Takeo Miki has said that Japan was prepared to contribute to the welfare of Palestinian refugees in partial repayment for the Arab world's oil supplies during Japan's economic boom.

Mr. Miki told a press conference: "We owe whatever we are, industrially and economically, to the abundant provision of oil we have had access to in the past.

"We would like to help the oil-producing nations in their just aspirations to industrialise themselves. It is just and natural for Japan to help them to industrialise.

"There are many ways in which Japan can contribute to the welfare of these (Palestinian) refugees."

Mr. Miki added that Japan was prepared to contribute $140m. to the first stage of reopening the Suez Canal and that other aid to Arab nations would also be considered.

Jordan Cabinet change seen after reported disagreements

BEIRUT (Reuter). — A cabinet reshuffle in Jordan is imminent following disagreement between Premier Zeid al-Rifai and several ministers over a wide range of issues, it was reported here yesterday.

The English-language "Daily Star" said in a dispatch from Amman that the split developed after the October war over the stand which Jordan should have adopted during the fighting.

"Mr. Rifai rebuked several cabinet ministers for making press statements which he felt contradicted the official stand of the government," it added.

It said tension mounted during recent Cabinet meetings which saw "heated arguments between the Prime Minister and several ministers. During the Cabinet session, at which the newspaper 'as-Sabah' was ordered to stop publication, the Prime Minister particularly criticised Justice Minister Salem al-Masaadeh."

The paper said the Premier accused several ministers of establishing a bloc against him and said they were expected to be dropped in the coming re-shuffle.

Beirut press reports earlier reported that a number of army officers were arrested in Jordan following a coup attempt against King Hussein which allegedly took place last month. The Beirut reports were identical to a story which, at the time, was published by the anti-Hussein East Jerusalem weekly "Al-Fajr." This newspaper's report was then categorically denied by Jordan's Ministry of Information.

Anti-Algerian stand taken up by Bouteflika with Pompidou

PARIS (Reuter). — Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika arrived here yesterday for talks with President Georges Pompidou on the safety of Algerian workers in France.

Bouteflika, whose scheduled meeting with Pompidou last week was postponed at the last minute because of the French President's heavy schedule, was to visit the Elysee Palace later.

He is due to hand Pompidou a message from President Boumedienne of Algeria. Though no indications have been given here of the substance of the message, it is widely expected to deal with the safety and dignity of the Algerian community in France.

Boumedienne last September suspended emigration of Algerian workers to France following a crime wave which led to the killing of 11 Algerians. He has made clear that the safety of the 700,000-strong Algerian community in France is a precondition for good relations between the two countries.

Four Algerians were killed and 23 others wounded when a bomb exploded in the Algerian consulate in the southern French city of Marseilles last month.

Cypriot freighter sinks off Spain, 13 feared dead

LA CORUNA, Spain, (Reuter). — A Cypriot freighter sank off the coast here yesterday and radio reports from the scene said only three of the 16-man crew had been found alive.

An international fleet of about 20 ships searching the area off northern Spain where the 1,627-ton motor vessel Tevega went down, sent a flurry of conflicting messages on the number of victims.

U.S. aide in Peking leaving after accident

WASHINGTON (AP). — Nicholas Platt, Chinese-speaking political officer assigned to the U.S. liaison office in Peking, is being withdrawn next week because of a motor accident that resulted in the death of a Chinese girl, the State Department has acknowledged.

Officials said that they are informed by Chinese authorities that whenever a death occurs involving foreign diplomats, the official is required to leave the country.

POISONING. — At least 19 persons aboard a chartered flight from Pueblo, Colorado, were taken from the Columbus, Ohio, airport on Wednesday night to hospitals for treatment of food poisoning. The source of the food poisoning was not immediately known.

USSR to pay Chile World Cup damages

BERLIN (UPI). — The Soviet Union is prepared to pay Chile up to $200,000 in damages for the cancelled soccer World Cup game in Santiago, the president of the Chilean Soccer Federation, Ferdinand Fluxa, said yesterday.

Fluxa said the Soviet vice-president of the International Football Federation (FIFA), Valeri Granatkin, made this promise to Chile at the World Cup draw in Frankfurt last week.

Israeli charged in murder of N.J. auctioneer

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP). — An Israeli was charged yesterday with the New Year's Day murder of auctioneer Maurice Salvia, who was found shot to death in his house here.

The defendant, Joseph Kaplan, 27, came to the U.S. two years ago and had been living with the Salvia family for eight months.

Salvia, who operated auctions in Atlantic City, Wildwood and Pennsauken, had been under indictment for loansharking. But Camden County Prosecutor Thomas Schusted said there was no evidence the slaying was linked to organized crime.

He described the shooting as "a crime of passion." He said "certain aspects of the relationship lend themselves to this motive."

Police said Interpol, the international police network, was checking on whether Kaplan has a criminal record.

SHIVERS SHAKE STRIPPERS

LONDON (AP). — Soho's shivering strippers gamely carried on yesterday, braving flu and goosepimples in London's power crisis.

"Gerrem orf" is the traditional cry of the Cockney strip club fan, and get them off is what they do, 20 times a day in sidestreet cellars of the Soho entertainment district.

Business is bad. The house lights are blacked out on government orders and clients, known as "punters," are few, especially in the evenings. According to government regulations, the clubs cannot provide heat above a maximum of 19 degrees.

"We're really working for our money at the moment," said 27-year-old Candice Kelly, a buxom performer from Jamaica. "There are 25 girls at the club here and I don't think anyone has escaped the flu or a bad cold."

"Some of us," she added creakily, "are even getting a touch of rheumatism."

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Seven to die for plot to kill Shah

TEHERAN (AP). — After a four-day hearing and 13 hours of deliberation a military tribunal on Wednesday night sentenced seven of 12 alleged assassins to death by firing squad and the rest to prison terms of three to five years.

All but two of the defendants, labelled as "saboteurs," were charged with taking part in a plot to assassinate the Shah and to kidnap Empress Farah, Crown Prince Reza, 13, and the Shah's granddaughter Princess Mahnaz, the daughter of the Iranian Ambassador in Washington, Ardeshir Zahedi. The defendants pleaded for mercy, but only five, including two women, were granted it and had their death sentences commuted to prison terms. Most had pleaded guilty.

A dozen local and foreign newsmen and a special representative from the National Lawyers Guilds of America, John Throne, were in the courtroom to hear the verdicts.

The 12 have five days in which to appeal. All sentences are subject to royal ratification by the Shah.

Sentenced to death were: Tefour Bathaei, 36, a former government cameraman and alleged to be the brains behind the plot; Khosrow Golsorkhi, 30; Manuchehr Moghadam-Salimi, 40, an artist once before imprisoned on similar charges but granted a royal pardon; Karamatullah Daneshian, 27; Abass Ali Samakar, 27, a television cameraman; Mohammed Reza Allamehzadeh, 30, also a television cameraman and Rahmatullah Jamsyidi, 25, a newspaperman.

The plotters, the army said, planned to use their hostages to seize a plane and demand the release of political prisoners held in Iranian jails. They made their plans last winter but were arrested between April and October, 1973.

Maryam Eittehadieh, a 22-year-old reporter for the "Kayhan" newspaper and the youngest of the 12, was ordered to jail for five years. Sentenced to three years were Ibrahim Farhang, a 40-year-old writer, and his wife, Shokouh, 30, a newspaperwoman, who expressed their "grave guilt for our crimes against the nation and beloved monarch."

Tubercular Arab frees Italian woman

SONDALO, Italy (UPI). — An Arab on leave from a sanatorium held a woman hostage at knifepoint in a hotel room for eight hours, demanding a plane to fly him to the Middle East, then surrendered to police early yesterday, releasing the woman unharmed.

The man, who caused the biggest uproar in memory in this Alpine resort near the Swiss border, was identified by police as Mohamed al-Adal, 37, of Saudi Arabia. They said he was apparently upset because he was about to be expelled from Italy as an undesirable alien.

Police said al-Adal, convalescing from tuberculosis at the Sondalo sanatorium, booked a room in a hotel Wednesday and barricaded himself in it with Marilena Togni, a 35-year-old seamstress he met in the hotel bar. He telephoned the hotel porter, saying he had several handgrenades and threatening to kill the woman unless he was taken by ambulance to Milan Airport and flown to Lebanon. But when he surrendered, his only weapon was found to be a knife.

Colombian plane crash kills 40

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP). — Forty persons were killed on Wednesday when a plane of the Colombian airline Satena crashed into a mountain in the Andes, authorities in the city of Florencia reported yesterday. They said the accident occurred nine minutes after the plane left Florencia Airport bound for Bogota. There were no survivors.

Peasants who witnessed the crash said the plane, a twin-motor turboprop, had exploded in flames just before crashing into the mountain. The plane carried 37 passengers and three crewmen.

Army rescue parties arrived at the crash site yesterday after a six-hour walk through the jungle, and began the task of extricating the bodies from the wreckage, authorities said.

Sieff out of hospital

LONDON (Reuter). — Joseph Edward Sieff, prominent Zionist and president of the Marks and Spencer department store chain, left hospital yesterday less than two weeks after being shot in the face by a gunman who burst into his London home.

Police stepped up security around leading British Jews following the shooting, which had led to reports of a "death list" of prominent Jews in this country.

Mr. Sieff was shot by an "Arab-looking" gunman, believed by police to have come to London specially for the shooting.

The 68-year-old chain store chief made a rapid recovery after a bullet was removed from his head.

PETS. — A puma trapped by police outside a terrified Frenchwoman's home in Paris was promptly claimed by its owner, a 15-year-old boy, who usually sleeps with the puma on his bed — along with an Alsatian dog and three cats.

Bangkok students burn replicas of Japanese-made television sets and other products as protest against "Japanese economic imperialism" during Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka's visit to Thailand. (AP radiophoto)

Thai students threaten Japanese

BANGKOK (AP). — Thailand's most powerful student leaders met with Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka yesterday, said the meeting was not satisfactory and threatened to turn the students loose on all Japanese in Thailand.

Sombat Thamrongtanyavong, Secretary-General of the 400,000-member National Student Centre, said now it is up to the Thai Government to prevent Japanese domination of the Thai economy.

He said if the Government fails, "then we will have to do it our own way. We might act against every Japanese in Thailand. So far we have aimed our demonstrations against officials, against the Japanese Embassy and the Japanese Trade Centre. The next act might be against individual Japanese."

Sombat, whose student forces last October overthrew the military regime that had been in power in Thailand for 26 years, said he was dissatisfied because Tanaka said he could not do away with quotes on imports from Thailand and also did not promise to wipe out Thailand's unfavourable balance of trade with Japan.

Tanaka's meeting with Sombat and 12 other student leaders followed a session with Thai Government officials at which the Prime Minister pledged to redress some of the complaints that provoked hostile demonstrations on his arrival Wednesday.

As they met in Government House, about 2,000 students outside held another demonstration in defiance of requests from student leaders to disperse.

Commerce Minister Charnchai Leethavorn told newsmen Tanaka pledged to Premier Sanya Thammasak and his Cabinet that Japan will buy more Thai rice, rubber and tin to reduce Thailand's deficit in its trade with Japan, sell Thailand "at friendly prices" materials it needs to develop heavy industry, and urge Japanese businessmen in Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries to do more to improve the local economy, provide for their workers' welfare and stop polluting the air and water.

The U.S. also was the target of a hostile demonstration on Wednesday, but it did not continue yesterday. More than 4,000 students, professors and others massed outside the U.S. Embassy for two hours, demanding the expulsion of Ambassador William Kintner and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The demonstration was sparked by the revelation last weekend that a CIA agent had sent Premier Sanya a fake letter purporting to be from a Communist insurgent leader offering a cease-fire in exchange for autonomy for rebellious areas in Northern Thailand. Kintner, who was attached to the CIA in Washington in 1950-52, said the agent had been sent out of Thailand and disciplined.

Soviet writers' union expels woman novelist

MOSCOW. — The official Soviet writers' union has expelled 66-year-old novelist Lidia Chukovskaya for "slipping into an anti-Soviet swamp." At the same time, an official campaign was stepped up against dissident author Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

Reliable sources reported Miss Chukovskaya, in ill-health and almost blind, was dismissed Wednesday by the union — an action also taken against Solzhenitsyn in 1960 — for defending dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov.

Expulsion from the union means a writer is deprived of a salary from the state, which enables him to concentrate on his work, and other privileges.

Among charges levelled against Miss Chukovskaya were that she had publicly defended Dr. Sakharov when he was being criticized last September.

Immediately after her expulsion from the union, Dr. Sakharov praised Miss Chukovskaya for her "fearless sincerity" and said an open letter written by her in his defence in September was "a continuation of the best Russian humanistic traditions."

Miss Chukovskaya is best know in the West for her semi-autobiographical book "The Deserted House," which describes the purges of the 1930s. It was not published here.

At the same time as Miss Chukovskaya's expulsion, a member of the powerful writers' union bitterly criticized Western radio stations publicising Solzhenitsyn's latest work.

Top Kremlin commentator Yuri Zhukov said in a television programme that the radio stations — including the Voice of America and the British Broadcasting Corporation — were using Solzhenitsyn as a weapon in a psychological war being waged by the West against the Soviet Union.

There has been almost daily criticism here of Solzhenitsyn since the Nobel Prize-winning author's latest work — "Gulag Archipelago" — was published in the West at the beginning of the year.

Zhukov said he did not want to make a martyr of Solzhenitsyn. This led some Western diplomats to believe Zhukov was signalling an official decision to take no action against the writer.

It had been feared that Solzhenitsyn would be arrested for publishing the book abroad in violation of Soviet copyright laws.

Zhukov waved a pile of letters which he said had been written by Soviet citizens against Solzhenitsyn and Sakharov.

"I don't want to cite them so as not to give these gentlemen the pretext to howl that allegedly some of them are being persecuted here," he said. "They would very much like to show themselves in the role of martyrs."

Zhukov called Solzhenitsyn a "turncoat" and an "internal immigrant" who has abandoned "honour and conscience."

Sakharov immediately responded to Zhukov's attack with a new statement in support of Solzhenitsyn. "With matchless valour and talent, Solzhenitsyn is carrying out his duty as a writer, reminding us of the past not so as to have someone tried or executed, but so that our memories make men of us," he said.

Sakharov, the father of the Soviet hydrogen bomb and an active civil rights campaigner, said Solzhenitsyn's spirits were high despite the attacks against him because he was "carrying out his duty and that is always good for a person's health." *(Reuter, UPI)*

'Pravda' fears Jackson will be next President

MOSCOW (AP). — "Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, warned its readers yesterday that Senator Henry Jackson, "an anti-Soviet and friend of the Zionists," may be elected President in 1976.

The article was an unmistakable warning of possible trouble for Communist Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev's policy of detente with the U.S.

"Pravda's" longtime Washington correspondent, Sergei Vishnevsky, said the Democrat from Washington is backed by "a sinister coalition of military manufacturers, Pentagon hawks, Zionists and trade union bureaucrats.

"One should not underestimate the influence of these forces."

Vishnevsky said one of Jackson's supporters is labour leader George Meany, "an ardent anti-Communist obscurantist."

Vishnevsky also dampened any remaining optimism about the prospects of Moscow's receiving most-favoured-nation trading status without strings. After the House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted to reduce trading barriers with the Soviets only if the Kremlin liberalized its emigration policies, the controlled Soviet press spread the impression that the Senate might still pass the trade bill without the "Jackson amendment."

But yesterday Vishnevsky conceded that the amendment was backed "by a majority of Senators." Apparently to soften the blow, he added, "I talked with leading Senators and I understand this support is temporary."

In the article Vishnevsky added an element rare in Soviet journalism. He attempted to portray Jackson's human side, describing him as a "polite gentleman." Vishnevsky said Jackson invited him to lunch in the Senate dining room and was courteous and soft-spoken. "It is impossible not to praise his orga-

ASYLUM. — A Russian seaman who sought asylum in the U.S. after being found drifting in a rubber raft off northern Japan left Tokyo yesterday aboard an airliner bound for America. An American Embassy spokesman identified the Russian as Piotr Nikolayvich Khoroshky.

President Nixon and daughter Tricia look at large birthday cake presented to him by White House staff at San Clemente, California, on his 61st birthday on Wednesday. (AP radiophoto)

Financed gangster films by robbing Paris banks

PARIS (Reuter). — French film director Jean-Claude Dague, a specialist in gangster films, went on trial here yesterday accused of robbing seven banks to help finance his latest screen shootout.

Dague, 37, a swashbuckling film-maker who drew inspiration from the gangster novels of French writer Auguste Le Breton, was arrested two years ago after a bank clerk foiled a hold-up.

At the time, Dague was cooperating with Le Breton on the script for a new film called "Rifiti au Proche Orient" (Trouble in the Middle East).

Police alleged Dague turned to robbery because he did not have the money to produce the film. The holdups were carried out in amateur style by Dague and two accomplices, using their own cars without bothering to falsify the number plates, police said.

The holdups yielded an average of 10,000 francs (about IL10,000), police said. All took place at small banks in the Paris suburbs.

The two accomplices, a film stunt man and a lifeguard, are alleged to have told police they invested their share of the spoils in the proposed film. Earlier films made by Dague included "Hoodlums' Ball" and "The Man Came by Night."

Nixon's daughter publishes story

WASHINGTON (AP). — Julie Nixon Eisenhower's first literary effort, a children's story about a White House dog, is being published with fanfare this month by the "Saturday Evening Post."

"Pasha Passes By" was inspired by one of the Nixons' three dogs. With it the President's daughter launches a new children's literature series for the magazine. Julie, 25, is a part-time $10,000-a-year assistant editor on the magazine's staff.

The editors called young Mrs. Eisenhower "a refreshing new tradition in the ancient publication." In the same issue, Julie also wrote a brief introduction to a quartet of poems by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

'Ruling due: Nixon underpaid income taxes'

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Internal Revenue Service is expected to rule that President Nixon has underpaid his income taxes, the Knight Newspaper Service has reported.

The IRS refused on Wednesday to confirm or deny the report.

The IRS announced last week that it was conducting a new audit of the President's tax returns.

According to the Knight report, a special IRS task force "is prepared to report that Nixon should have paid capital gains taxes on the sale of part of his San Clemente, California, estate to his friends C. G. 'Bebe' Rebozo and Robert Abplanalp."

Last month, Nixon revealed his federal tax returns for his first four years in the Presidency. He acknowledged at the time that lawyers and accountants disagree on the propriety of the 1969-1972 Federal tax payments, totalling less than $80,000 on an income of more than $1m.

The Knight story, written by Robert Boyd, said, "The Internal Revenue Service is expected to rule shortly that President Nixon underpaid his Federal income taxes while in the White House."

Killed after being placed on black list in Belfast

BELFAST (UPI). — A 52-year-old Roman Catholic businessman killed yesterday knew he had been placed on an assassination list but was unable to prevent his own death, police said.

The victim, John Crawford, was found with a bullet in his head in Belfast's Milltown cemetery by police at dawn. The police said he was one of four men operating small repair firms on the grounds of a former technical college who were told by anonymous callers earlier this week that they were going to die.

A small truck packed with dynamite exploded behind a magistrates' courthouse in downtown Belfast, shattering windows but causing no casualties. Police said a constable spotted the truck before the bomb went off and gave the alarm in time to prevent anyone being hurt.

Crawford's death raised the toll to 932 persons slain in four years of violence in Northern Ireland.

The police also sought to establish whether a £250,000 ransom demand for the release of West German executive Thomas Niedermayer was genuine. The demand was made on Wednesday in a telephone call to the London office of Niedermayer's firm, Grundig.

Niedermayer, who served as West Germany's honorary consul in Belfast, disappeared more than two weeks ago. Since then, police said, several calls connected with his kidnapping have been received, but that they were not sure they were genuine.

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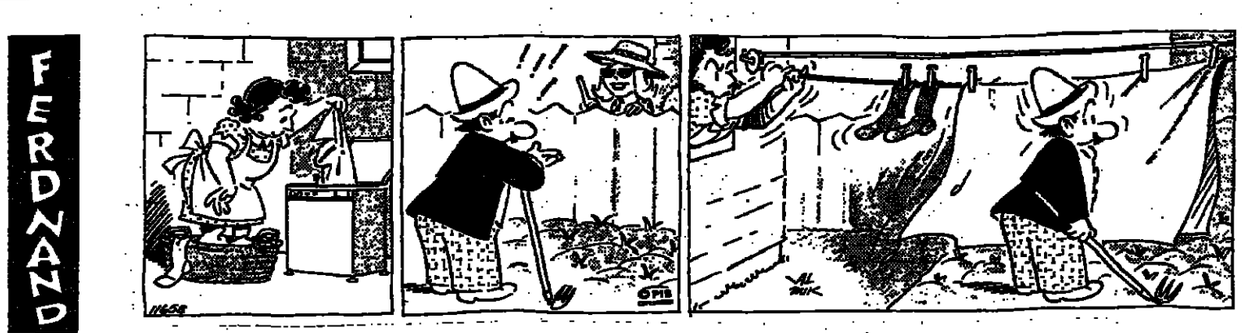

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The loneliness of the egg-seeker

By JAMES KRAUS

My credit in the neighbourhood groceries has suffered a grave setback these past few months, and I have been sneaking in and out of them with a severe sense of guilt. I have the feeling, moreover, that I have disastrously disrupted long-standing friendships, have spurned the milk of kindness and charity, and have proved myself genuinely ungrateful for generous sacrifices.

Even the kerchiefed, grandmotherly old woman who runs the small grocery on the corner seems to be avoiding me. But I have no choice left. She is the only one I am still on speaking terms with, and I can still ask her for a favour. Cautiously, so as not to disrupt the cats sleeping amid the dusty bottles and crates, I go up the worn steps into the darkened interior where I can dimly make out her frail form behind the counter. She is badly nearsighted and even worse, half-deaf, which makes my predicament all the more difficult, since I have to call to her at the top of my lungs. Diffidently, I step up to the counter, greet her and shout: ANY EGGS TODAY?! "What?" she calls back, cupping her hand to her ear. EGGS! I shout again, and this time am joined by one of the neighbourhood's *yeshiva bocherim* who helpfully hollers EIER! EIER!

She regards me balefully for a moment. What, she asks, didn't you get any this week? No, I stammer apologetically. Very well, she sighs, half mumbling to herself, I'll give you a few... and bent with age and care, shuffles into the back where she keeps them hidden.

In the beginning we all took the matter with strong-willed cheer. It was wartime. The blackout. Pitiful images of uncomprehending hens huddling in the darkness filled our minds. Sacrifices had to be made, the troops came first. We drew courage from news photos of the boys at the front eating gigantic omelettes. With regret, we resigned ourselves to restricting our fare. It would be better for us.

First cracks

Then, insidiously, the first cracks in public confidence began to appear. Wild rumours filled the air. Ten million eggs had rotted in shipyard warehouses. The underworld had cornered the moshav stocks and only those with connections could be supplied. Secretive groups would be seen gathering in the narrow back alleys of Mahane Yehuda, clinging to the edge of a tender and then swiftly hurrying away with flat cartons concealed under their jackets.

Pushing my way through one such throng, I finally reached the back edge of a Dodge and there, under heavy burlap, I could make them out. How much? I demanded from the burly type slipping them out from under cover. Twenty-five, he murmured, tight-lipped. Twenty! I shot back with my marketeer's instinct, but he had already turned away.

I began to make the rounds of the neighbourhood groceries. I tried old friends first. "Come and buy here," invited Moshe suggestively, "and I'll see what I can fix you up with." "Eggs? You want eggs?" Avraham asked next door, and looked at me pityingly. Surreptitiously, I began to move farther afield, into Rehavia, Mea Shearim, even seeking out the Beduin women in the Old City. One morning coming out of the post office I sighted a stack in an unaccustomed spot. "How many each?" I asked the surly proprietor. "Three," he replied, looking at me steadily to indicate that I was definitely not one of his steady customers. I carried the precious package to the counter and proferred a lira. "What?" he snarled threateningly, "Just one item?"

Since then I have become resigned to matters. Dutifully, I have been making the small purchases needed to build up my shattered credit, racking my brains to think up some small additional items I might be able to use. But they sense the trick, my grocers, and I sometimes have the panicky feeling that I forgot to drop in yesterday. The old rapport, I fear, is gone forever.

Soldiers still need lifts on the Jericho run

'TREMPING' GETS HARDER

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

As a result of the careless day, the high cost of petrol and bureaucratic confusion or inertia, the Jerusalem-Jericho-Jerusalem shuttle service is running out of steam, and the soldiers on leave are being left out in the rain.

A steady stream of servicemen assemble at the Old City's New Gate to hitch a ride back to their base 35 kilometres to the north. Hundreds show up on Sunday mornings — the busiest day — rubbing their hands to keep warm or crowding into a makeshift refreshment stand for a cup of coffee and a bit of shelter from the biting wind or pouring rain.

Until recently they were greeted by a dedicated and well-organized squad of volunteers calling: "Need a ride?" The Jerusalem Municipality arranged to pay for fuel, but some drivers, making as many as three to eight round-trips daily, didn't even submit their bills. Over 30,000 soldiers were shuttled back and forth within the first 10 weeks.

Today the Municipality doesn't have to worry about finding large sums for fuel, since there are almost no volunteer drivers any more. Many were forced to stop in order to resume their regular jobs or make repairs on their overworked vehicles, and few have come to take their place.

A volunteer dispatcher who organized drivers until the middle of December reported to *The Jerusalem Post* this week that "the situation is becoming intolerable. Some soldiers, frustrated by waiting for long periods of time, push and shove to get into the few cars that are available. If we can't get more drivers," he said, "the Army should set up a regular bus service to carry soldiers between the two points."

A call to the Army Spokesman's Office brought an immediate reply: "Drivers of all Army vehicles have orders to pick up any soldiers they see on the road. But we don't have the money or the vehicles for a shuttle between Jerusalem and Jericho, and if we did, it would be used for more pressing needs.

"The Army does all it can to help soldiers going to Africa, Sinai or Golan," he continued, "but we do not feel the same responsibility for men who travel relatively short distances. If they can't find transportation home, they should not leave their bases at all."

When I spent an hour at the New Gate the next morning, I found a few dozen soldiers, no dispatchers and only one volunteer driver. A Volkswagen that stopped in front of the refreshment stand was engulfed by would-be passengers in a few seconds, but the driver said he couldn't go as far as Jericho and then went on his way. A few other cars stopped later and took on soldiers.

After a while, an Egged bus bound for Jericho pulled up and was quickly filled by the waiting soldiers. I learned that it was indeed paid for by the Army and has made two or three trips daily since the end of December. Another bus stops there every hour on Sunday morning.

At the Municipality a block away I was told that the buses were easing the problem, but not solving it. "If I could get one or two more buses running six hours a day," said Rami Cohen, in charge of volunteer transport, "I wouldn't need any volunteer drivers at all. Even a dozen civilian-owned minibuses would do the job."

Natan Amitz-Lev, Mr. Cohen's predecessor at the Municipality, said that at the beginning of the war, he turned to the Government's Civil Service Commission for volunteers with cars, and that they promised to help. "We haven't heard from them since," he said, and then proceeded to try again. An official at the Commission assured him on the phone that some arrangements would be made.

New gate

I called the Military Spokesman again to ask if the Army was prepared to send a few more buses to the New Gate. A different person answered and said she'd investigate. A few hours later she said she did not know of the Army hiring Egged buses, and was surprised to hear that soldiers were gathering at the New Gate, rather than at the soldiers' stop in Romema, where there were likely to be more passing cars.

She said that the Army regularly transports soldiers to far-off bases, but cannot shuttle them for short distances. The reason, she said, was not primarily the expense or the scarcity of vehicles, but the difficulty in organizing the pick-up of small groups of soldiers at scattered points. I was then advised to call Egged. An employee at the responsible office said she was not familar with the case, but "If Zahal asks for a bus, they'll get it. A shortage of buses is not the problem."

The soldiers at the New Gate are full of praise for the volunteer women who serve them food and drink in the most inclement weather. "They make the waiting bearable," said one young corporal, putting his woolen cap on the tea kettle to dry.

Joan Levy, who volunteers at the stand several hours a week, said that organizations and individuals have been bringing food, but that lately the donations have been coming less frequently. "Anyone who wishes to donate cakes, tins of coffee and sugar should bring them to us."

Despite the falling-off of volunteer spirit, the stand has had one faithful friend at the Wimpy Bar across the street. Mousaa, the Arab who takes care of the place, has brought water and soap whenever the ladies call for help.

Anyone who wants to be a volunteer driver should call Maronia at 232251, ext. 241.

Six events in four days

JERUSALEM CONCERTS

MUSIC

YOHANAN BOEHM

LACK of coordination between the various bodies which provide the capital with its music resulted this week in an embarrassment of riches—six concerts on four consecutive nights. As I do not believe in running from one to the other and listening to two half-programmes, I forwent the Targ Music Centre at Ein Karem which was giving repeat performances of programmes reviewed earlier.

When the Israel Chamber Ensemble plays in the large hall of Binyenei Hauma it loses much of its attraction for the listener, since the group's limited sound volume cannot fill the vast expanse of the auditorium. It was a pity, therefore, that Bertini chose Bartok's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta, which require a double orchestra. This marvellous work suffered, moreover, because it was performed so hesitatingly.

The acoustical shortcomings of the hall severely handicapped Mozart's C Minor Mass. Furthermore the choir was indistinguished and its diction bad. Barbara Hendricks is a very promising soprano, but her voice is not yet strong enough for Binyenei Haooma, and Lois Yavnieli's soprano has what can only be described as "non-quality." The two male singers, Heinz Hillebrand, were good but had very little to do. However, Mozart's sweet music managed to come through and was warmly applauded (Jan. 5).

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THE Israel Philharmonic visited Jerusalem twice this week (Series "1" — on Sunday, and Series "2" — on Monday). The featured soloist was cellist Janos Starker, who at the first concert gave a strong interpretation of the Hindemith Concerto, doubly welcome since this stimulating work is a refreshing change from the continually repeated standard works for this instrument. For the second concert, Starker's choice was Haydn's Concerto in C, a conventional and light-weight piece, relaxing and entertaining at best. Starker's technique is smooth and he rolls off runs at impressive speed, his tone is strong, his musical approach straight-forward and enjoyable. Guest conductor Peter Maag has the Orchestra firmly in his hands, and he drew from them all the nuances he wanted. The players even followed him in certain irritating mannerisms (quite uncalled-for delays in the opening phrases of the Mozart Symphony and Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream," for example). The over-all impression was that Maag forced the Orchestra into a stiff and harsh sound quite uncharacteristic of the I.P.O. His interpretations in general were highly authoritative but lacking in flexibility and grace.

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THE weekly programme of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra turned out to be a pleasant surprise. Rossini's opera "Moses" belongs to the many scores gathering dust on library shelves, and only one aria has been salvaged into the repertoire of vocal recitals. The plot is commonplace and its subject, "Moses and Pharoah," is purely accidental. So is its connection with the music, which *is* good Rossini, light, melodious, even slightly dramatic at times, but suited to a plot of less historical importance for us.

The Berliner Konzertchor's volume was impressive (acoustics in the Jerusalem Theatre are very good) and provided a fine sonorous background for the many soloists. Nikolaus Hillebrand in the demanding title role was excellent; Tibor Herdan (Pharoah) and Isser Bushkin (Osiride-Mysterious Voice) were equally good. Fausto Tenzi (Amenofi) employed his lyrical tenor schooled in the best Italian tradition to good advantage, and Menasse Hadjes (Elisero) proved to have real operatic talent. Yehudit Lazarovich (Anaide) revealed a talent for expressive singing and vocal acrobatics; Bibiana Goldenthal (Sinaide) was good in a similar if less strenuous part. Less satisfying in supporting parts were Esther Admon, whose voice is too small, and Avraham Solomon, who is better in other types of music. Gary Bertini was excellent all through and never lost control of the proceedings. The orchestra gave effective support, and in general the overall production was gratifying. With all Rossini's musical inventiveness (which sometimes borders dangerously on the silly), all the *roulades* and other operatic gimmicks of his admirable craftsmanship, there was so much enjoyable music, and generally good musicianship, that the evening turned into a very entertaining occasion. Praise is due to the people behind the production who laboured so hard for its implementation (January 8).

CHESS CONTENDERS IN PRELIMINARY GAMES

Who will play Bobby Fischer?

By ELIAHU SHAHAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The eight contenders to the chess crown begin their preliminary matches next Monday, January 14. The winner will meet Bobby Fischer in the world title match in 1975.

First to appear will be former world champion Boris Spassky (36) who lost his title to Fischer in 1972, and International Grandmaster Robert Byrne (45) of the U.S., runner-up of the Leningrad Interzonal tournament. This match will open in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on January 14, with Wilfrid Dorazil of Austria as judge. Spasaky recently won the Soviet championship and seems to have regained his earlier standard. Robert Byrne was the revelation of the Leningrad tournament and is playing for the first time in the Candidates' Matches. As 1974 is the Golden Jubilee year of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), the Puerto Rican capital will play host at the same time to a score of other chess events: an international tournament, a "chess week," a seminar of the American Chess Federations and a meeting of the FIDE Bureau.

The second pair to take off are Soviet Grandmaster Victor Korchnoi (42) and Enrique Mecking of Brazil winner of the Petropolis Interzonal tournament, who will be 22 on January 23. This match will take place in Augusta, Georgia, U.S., with Bozidar Kazic of Yugoslavia as judge.

On January 17, 22-year-old Anatoli Karpov of the U.S.S.R., recently elected as best player of the year 1973, will play against his compatriot Lev Polugajevski (39). Vladas Mikenas of Lithuania will arbitrate this match.

Finally, former world champion Tigran Petrosian (44) and the Hungarian Grandmaster Lajos Portisch (36) will open their match in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, on January 18, with Ermin Heintze of East Germany as judge.

In all these matches, the first to score three wins or, failing that, the player accumulating the greatest number of victories in 16 games will qualify for the semi-finals, due to open on April 15. The final match, which is to decide Fischer's rival, will be held in September.

Former world champion Boris Spassky was recently "cleared" by grandmaster Alexander Kotov who had charged him with "irritating mistakes" after his failure against Bobby Fischer at Reykjavik last year. After this match Kotov had written that Spassky committed practical and theoretical errors and that his psychological preparation for the match left much to be desired. Kotov, doyen of the Soviet chess journalists and himself a onetime contender to the top chess title, wrote in "Pravda" that "Spassky has fully regained his form" after renewing his collaboration with his former coach, grandmaster Igor Bondarevski. The two had collaborated for 11 years but parted a short time before the match with Fischer. Kotov holds that Spassky is now the player with the best chances of wresting the title back from Fischer.

World champion Bobby Fischer recently declared in Manila that he intends to renew shortly his participation in international tournaments. Since winning the world title in September 1972, Fischer has not played a single tournament game and has turned down all offers to play exhibition games, even for considerable money. The world champion dismissed as "pure nonsense" all talk of his giving up chess, and just to prove he is willing to defend his title even before 1975, has issued a challenge to Spassky for a return match. It is doubtful, however, if the challenge will be accepted, and in any case it will definitely not be approved by FIDE as an official world championship match. In all probability the chess world will just have to be patient for at least another year to find out whether Fischer's reign will continue or a new king will rule the empire of the Royal Game.

dance news

dora sowden

THE latest choreographer for the Batsheva Dance Company has been Robert Cohan (spelt the Irish way), who has mounted two of his works, "Eclipse" and "Cell." Both were great successes in London when performed by the London Contemporary Dance Company, of which Robert Cohan is artistic director.

This is by no means the first visit here of the tall, soft-speaking, bespectacled, young American. "I came first with the Martha Graham company in 1957," he told me. "Then again in 1962. I helped to start the Batsheva Company, and was here again in 1963 and 1964. The company has changed, of course. It is more experienced and is potentially very good. Understandably it is now going through a difficult time, with dancers away. Still working as they are now, the future should be rich. Rina Schenfeld and Rena Gluck are fantastic dancers."

Despite his previous visits, he found surprises. "Israel can definitely stand two companies like the Batsheva and the Bat-Dor. They have a different image and projection. And I do want to say this about the audiences in Israel: I haven't seen their like anywhere in the world. The companies here play to full houses for a month. You can't find that even in New York."

Besides being artistic director of the London Contemporary Dance Company, Robert Cohan is also the chief choreographer. "The main reason is that we work on a small budget and I'm the cheapest choreographer I know," he said.

When you see the two works he has staged here, with John B. Reed as lighting creator (reputed to be the best anywhere), you will see there are other excellent reasons why Robert Cohan should do most of the choreography for his company.

The Heartbreak Kid (Zafon, Tel Aviv) combines the comic talents of Elaine May as director and Broadway playwright Neil Simon who wrote the screenplay.

The film opens with a nicely-observed Jewish wedding (no marriage canopy and a bareheaded bridegroom) between New Yorkers Lenny and Lila. However, en route to Miami Beach on their honeymoon, the hero (Charles Grodin) becomes increasingly irritated by the idiosyncrasies of his garrulous bride who is played by Jeannie Berlin, daughter of Elaine May. In bed she eats candy bars, bombards him with questions while being passionate and demands countless reassurances as to her desirability. Even worse, Lila is always talking about "our next forty years together."

In Miami, while the bride is confined to bed with sunburn, Lenny meets a stunning blonde socialite from the mid-West (Cybill Shepherd, who made such a notable screen debut as Jacy in "The Last Picture Show"). In spite of the opposition of her father (Eddie Albert) the obnoxious Lenny relentlessly pursues his not very bright "golden girl," just taking time off to tell Lila that their marriage was all a mistake. Jeannie Berlin is enormously touching in this brilliantly-done tragicomedy scene.

This off-beat comedy, very well acted by the principal players, is frequently witty and perceptive with the humour often having a bitter edge. But one's enjoyment of the film is marred at times by a lack of sympathy, verging on hostility, towards the callous, self-centred hero. Recommended, nevertheless.

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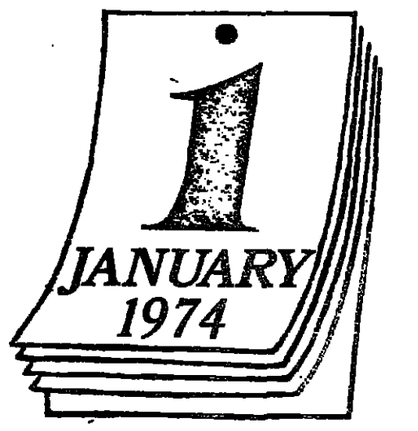

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IF POUND IS FLOATED

Lilienblum dealers may turn legal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Unconfirmed reports that the authorities were considering "floating" the Israeli pound were received calmly yesterday in Lilienblum Street. Such a move would in effect wipe out the black market.

The dealers pointed out that if this happens, most of them would "open legal shops," similar to those the Arab money changers run legally in East Jerusalem.

They claimed they could compete successfully with the large banks, since their fees would be lower.

There are dozens of shops in the Lilienblum area whose owners make a living buying and selling bonds in competition with the banks.

The dollar yesterday went for about IL5.00, a kilo of gold for IL19,000, and sovereigns for IL200.

JAPANESE SEARCH FOR HOARDERS OF TOILET PAPER

TOKYO (Reuter). — The Japanese Government will launch a nationwide search next week for hoarders of toilet paper — and a number of other commodities such as sugar and detergents.

The month-long probe was ordered after consumers had complained that several goods — such as toilet rolls — were in short supply and blamed speculators hoarding necessities for future profit.

A government spokesman said warehouses, factories and offices throughout Japan would be inspected to see if their stocks of such goods were at a "reasonable" level.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Stock rise continues, bonds down slightly

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Financial circles active in the stock exchange yesterday discounted reports that the Government might impose a tax on Index-linked bonds. These circles pointed out that there was nothing to be taxed, since the real value of the bonds — their purchasing power — does not change, and any rise in their price only reflected the inflationary trend.

They said that imposing a tax on the bonds would only drive the small investor away from one of the most acceptable forms of saving yet devised.

Index-linked bonds were down slightly in yesterday's trading, but probably as the result of profit-taking, rather than speculation that bonds will be taxed. The turnover in bonds was IL8,231,200.

Stocks continued to rise. The turnover was IL888,100.

IDB gained six to stand at 163 (58,000), Bank Leumi rose by three to 256 (25,000). American-Israel Paper gained 4.5 to 293 (15,000), Bank Leumi Investment rose by four to 189 (39,000), and Delek remained firm at 148 with a turnover of 30,000.

The General Index rose by 0.99 per cent yesterday to stand at 246.95.

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Assis "B"	r	204.5	209
Nechushtan	b	240.5	240.5
Shemen—8%	b	125	122
"Taal" Plywood	b	211	—
Elite (A)		273	273
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	79.5	78
Eilern	b	165	158
Israel Central Trade	r	197.5	199.5
Bank Haposalim	b	226	226
Paz	b	94.5	91.5
Wolfson IL10	b	94	93
Amps	r	111.5	111.5
Discount Bank	b	199.5	195.5
United Mizrahi	b	102.5	99.5
Bank Leumi	r	189	185
Pigron Investment	r	92.5	90.5
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	80.5	80
Export Bank	b	60.5	60
Clal Investment	r	180	180
Clal Industries	r	177	177
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	69	68
Lapidoth OTC	r	181.5	131

b-bearer; r-registered
B-buyers, only; S-sellers only
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WALL STREET

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Buyers on the sidelines

NEW YORK (AP). — Stock prices were lower yesterday as energy crisis uncertainties kept buyers on the sidelines, brokers said.

Declining issues on the New York Stock Exchange held an eight to six lead over gainers.

The Dow blue chip indicator closed down 26.99 points on Wednesday, its third biggest single-session loss since 1962. On Tuesday the Dow was down more than 15 points.

Brokers attributed the losses to concern that escalating oil prices would cause grave economic disruptions throughout the world, particularly in Japan and Western Europe.

The Dow Jones index of 30 industrial stocks closed down 11.68, at 823.11.

Airco Inc	13¾	Cont Can	22[illegible]	John Joh	17¼	Roan Sel	6½
Alcan Alu	35⅛	Cont Oil	49⅞	John Man	97	Rockwell Int	25½
Allied Ch	48⅛	Cont Tel	17½	Jon Lau	19	Royl D	33
Allied Str	30	Cont Data	33	Kais Alum	19¾	Russ Tog	8⅝
Allis Chal	9¼	Corning	69½	Kenn Cop	42	Safeway	37
Alcoa	68¾	CPC Intl	27⅞	Koppers	49	Schering	68⅜
Am Airlin	7⅞	Crane Co	16[illegible]	Libb O Fd	28	Scott Pap	16¼
Am Bdcst	21¾	Crown Cork	21¼	Liggt My	30⅝	Sears Roe	30⅞
Amer Can	26⅛	Crwn Zell	36½	Litton Ind	7½	Shell Oil	62⅝
A Cyan	19	Dan River	8¾	Lockheed	3¾	Singer Co	38
A Home	35⅞	Deere Co	43½	LTV Corp	10⅝	Smits KF	50¼
A Mtl Clx	50	Dist Seag	42¾	Macy RH	17⅝	Sony	21⅞
Amer Mot	8¾	Dow Chem	82	Magnvox	7⅝	South Ry	47
A Smelt R	22½	Dress Ind	69	Mfrs Han	67	Sperry Rnd	37⅝
Am Stand	11	Dupont	157	Marath	48⅛	St Brands	47¾
Amer T & T	49¾	East Airlns	5⅞	Marcor	20¼	St Oil Cal	31⅞
AMF Inc	19¾	F Kodak	103⅛	Marsh Fd	16⅞	Std Oil Ind	96¼
Ampex	3¾	Eaton	36	Martin Mar	13⅞	Std Oil Oh	72
Anaconda	26¾	El Paso NG	14¾	Matsush	14¾	Sterl Drug	23½
ASA Ltd	33⅜	ESB	25⅝	McDon D	16¼	Stu Wor	32⅛
Atl Rich	96¼	Esmark	25	Merck	72½	Sun Oil	56⅝
Avco	6¾	Exxon	89⅞	Minn MM	72⅜	Teledyne	14
Beckman	30	Fair Cam	47	Mobil Oil	47½	Tenneco	23⅞
Bell How	22	Firestone	14¼	Monogm	4⅞	Texaco	28¾
Bendix	24	Fst N City	37⅝	Monsan	48⅞	Texas Gulf	32½
Benguet	3¼	Fluor Cp	54¾	Moor McCor	14½	Texas Instru	95⅝
Feth Stl	32½	Fd Fair	7½	Morgan J	60¾	Textron	19½
Boeing Co	11¾	Ford Mot	39¾	Nabisco	38¼	Transwair	13
Bois Cas	14¼	Gen Dynam	20	Nat Cash R	28⅞	TriCon	25¼
Borg War	19½	Gen Elect	60	Nat Distil	12½	TRW Inc	19⅞
Braniff	8⅝	G Fds Corp	24¼	Nat Indust	11⅞	Twent Cent	5⅝
Brist My	42	Gen Mills	50¾	Nowest Air	17¼	UAL Inc	19
Brunswck	13½	Gen Mot	46¾	Occ Pet C	10	Unil Ltd	26¼
Burl Ind	21	Gn Tel El	24⅞	Olin Corp	12¾	Unil NV	39½
Burroughs	175¼	Gen Tire	14⅝	Otis Elev	34¾	Un Carbide	62¼
Camp Sp	31½	Genesco	5	Owen Ill	31⅝	Uniroyal	7⅞
Cdn Pac	16	Georgia	37¾	Pac Gs El	23¾	Unit Aircraft	23½
Canal R	10	Getty O	146	Panam W A	4⅝	Unit Brands	8
Castle Cke	16¼	G llette	34¾	Penn Cntrl	3⅞	US Indust	8
Cater Tr	62⅝	Goddric	14⅞	Pepsi Co	68½	US Steel	37⅛
Celanese	63½	Goodyr	14½	Pfizer	37¼	US Tobac	18⅜
Cerro Cp	15¼	W R Grace	22¾	Phelps D	45¼	UV Ind	32½
Chase Manh	53⅞	Grt A & P	9½	Phil Morr	100½	War Lam	32⅞
Chem NY	46½	Gulf Oil	28	Phil Petro	60⅞	Wells Far	23¾
Chessie Sys	56	Gulf Wn	24	Polaroid	68⅞	Wn Un	14¾
Chrysler	15	Hew Pack	69⅞	Proct GM	84¾	Westg Elec	33½
Cities Svc	53¼	Honywel	73	Qukr Oat	39¼	Weyerhs	36⅞
Coca-Cola	112¼	Howmet	14	Rabyston M	39⅝	Woolworth	17⅛
Colg Pal	22¾	IBM	229	Ralston P	19⅝	Xerox Co	108
CBS	27¼	Int Harv	34⅝	RCA	18	Zenith Rad	34½
Colu Gas	25⅝	Int Nickel	34	Revere Cop	8		
Colum Pict	3⅝	Int Paper	50	Reyn Ind	39½		
Con Edis	19½	Int T & T	26⅛	Reyn Met	18⅜		

WATERLOO DEPOT: 'NO TRAIN TRAVEL TODAY'

Britain plunges into deepening crisis as rail workers walk off the job

LONDON (UPI). — Railroad engineers walked off the job throughout Britain yesterday, stranding hundreds of thousands of commuters and paralysing much of the country's rail network, which carries critically needed coal and steel supplies.

Leaders of 260,000 coal miners rejected a government appeal to resume normal working and said they would continue their crippling two months old slowdown.

This has forced the government to put much of industry on a three-day work week, in order to save perilously dwindling fuel stockpiles.

As a result, nearly one million workers have been laid off. The government's National Economic Development Board predicted the number soon could double.

At the same time, unions representing three million engineering industrial workers decided to call a complete ban on overtime working "at the earliest possible date."

Like the coal miners and 29,000 railroad locomotive drivers, the engineering unions demanded pay hikes well above the ceilings set by the government under its anti-inflation curbs.

The engineering unions set no date for their own slowdown. But Hugh Scanlon, their leader, said: "The date will be decided by the executive. It will be a first step, because the executive also will consider further action if this is considered necessary."

Amid this deepening crisis picture, the Trades Union Congress (TUC), which represents 10 million British workers, made a personal appeal to Prime Minister Edward Heath to accept a coal mines peace plan it has sponsored.

The TUC pledged that if the miners were given pay hikes above the government's ceiling limits, other labour unions would not stake similar claims.

The proposal was rejected on Wednesday by Chancellor of the Exchequer Anthony Barber at a meeting with both labour union and management leaders.

But in a personal letter to Heath, TUC General Secretary Len Murray said: "This is a responsible and genuine offer by the TUC to get the country out of its difficulties."

There was no immediate government reaction.

A woman standing before a blank departure board at London's Waterloo Railway Station yesterday perhaps summed up the feelings of most British rail travellers.

"I am sick to death with it all," said Mrs. Winifred Edgar. "You just don't know what is happening from one day to another.

"Something has got to be done about this rotten country."

Departing trains — usually moving at a train-a-minute pace in rush hours — were nil.

About three dozen persons wandered about aimlessly in Waterloo Station, normally jammed with thousands of travellers rushing on and off trains. Every so often, one took a final look at a chalked blackboard sign, heaved a sigh and left.

The sign, put up by British Rail, said: "Passengers are advised not to travel by train today."

Most of the waiting travellers fumed against the locomotive engineers.

"They should order the troops onto the trains and make the drivers work," said Joe Hurson, 70, a retired office cleaner.

"If these people are so in love with Communism, they should go to Russia and leave the rest of us to get on with it," a red-haired, middle-aged woman said.

A few blamed British Rail.

"I think the train drivers are right," said William Crozier, 40, who was trying to get to his job as a painting teacher. "British Rail has mismanaged the negotiations."

Institute report says:

UK COMMUNISTS CAN PARALYSE INDUSTRY

By NORA BELOFF

LONDON (Ofns). — BRITAIN's small Communist Party and other left-wing groups now have the power to paralyse British industry, according to a report on industrial conflict in Britain to be published soon by the Institute for the Study of Conflict.

The Institute, founded three years ago under the chairmanship of Professor Leonard Shapiro of the London School of Economics, has so far mainly dealt with subversion abroad. Its founding members include Professor Hugh Seton Watson of London University and Sir Robert Thompson, who has been an adviser on anti-guerrilla fighting in Vietnam.

The report finds that of all the left-wing groups, the Communists have the best industrial apparatus, and this enables them to exercise effective power, even though the membership of the Party is only about 30,000 strong.

The writers describe what they call "competitive subversion," both on international issues and in industrial agitation. They note that the Communists have to stay militant in order to avoid being outflanked by the three other main left-wing groups: the Trotskyist Socialist Labour League, the International Socialists and the Maoists.

The Institute claims to be the only body which dedicates all its resources to studying revolutionary violence and insurrection. It is privately financed, and the Ford Foundation pays for its library. It does its work on contract, making special studies for interested groups in the United States, France, Germany, as well as the United Kingdom.

The new 30,000-word report will cover the social as well as the political sources and conflicts in British industry, and the reasons for perennial unrest, including the problems of immigration and technological change. Mr. Brian Crozier, the Institute's head, has written to Prime Minister Edward Heath to tell him of the findings.

The report has been prepared by a working group of academics, all of them specialists in industrial relations, and including Professor A.J.M. Sykes of Strathclyde University, Professor Raymond Thomas, of the Bath School of Management, and Mr. K.W. Watkins of Sheffield University. The group includes one representative from the Confederation of British Industry and one from the Trades Union Congress, who prefer to remain anonymous.

World copper production fails to meet demand

LONDON (AP). — Total world mine production of copper reached 7,463,000 metric tons in 1973, six per cent over 1972, according to preliminary figures issued by the World Bureau of Metal Statistics yesterday.

Output in the Western world increased by slightly over six per cent to 5,989,000 metric tons, the report said, with U.S. production assessed at 1,560,000 tons, a rise of three per cent.

One of the most notable features of the year was the increase of 10 per cent in Canadian production, provisionally put at 783,000 tons and making it the third largest producing country in the world after the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., the report said. No figure was given for Soviet production.

The four members of the International Council of Copper Producing and Exporting Countries produced a total of 2,160,000 tons, a rise of three per cent over 1972 and representing 36 per cent of the total for the Western world against 37 per cent in 1972.

The production of the four countries was: Chile 736,000 tons, Peru 225,000 tons, Zaire 490,000 tons and Zambia 709,000 tons.

Production of refined copper rose more slowly, with total world output at 8,300,000 metric tons, showing a rise of three per cent.

Total world consumption of refined copper during 1973 rose by eight per cent to 8,542,000 tons, the report said. Consumption thus exceeded production during the year by some 250,000 tons. The deficit was met principally by running down of stocks. By the end of the year, stocks in London Metal Exchange warehouses had fallen by 148,000 tons, while by the end of November, New York Commodity Exchange stocks were 50,000 tons lower.

In the Western world, the total consumption of 6,802,000 tons was an increase of 10 per cent, the highest annual increase since 1969, the report said.

The report added: "Although information on East-West trade in unwrought copper is not yet fully complete, it is clear that imports by the West from the USSR, Poland and the Democratic Republic of Germany have continued to increase rapidly and were considerably higher than exports from the West to China and other Eastern countries. For the year as a whole, net imports by Western countries seem likely to have totalled at least 50,000 tons."

Dollar price mixed, gold demand down

LONDON (UPI). — The U.S. dollar moved both up and down in Europe in money markets yesterday. The price of gold moved steadily down.

The dollar went up in Zurich, Brussels and Vienna, down in Paris, Madrid, Scandinavia and Milan, and in London it stayed about the same. Gold closed in Zurich at $120.50 an ounce.

'ISABELLE' SAVES MANPOWER

A NEW type of plastic garbage bin tried out by the Jerusalem Municipality, has meant a 50 per cent saving in manpower.

The 1300-litre capacity container, called "Isabelle," is installed on rollers, and can be handled easily even by elderly or handicapped people, since it is foot-operated. Other municipalities are displaying interest in this new type of container, planned and produced in Jerusalem by "Rotoplast," one of Koor's plastic factories.

"Rotoplast" specializes in the manufacture of a wide range of plastic containers especially adapted for use by the Army, for export and for the food industry.

Weizmann Institute gets plastics research grant

REHOVOT. — Growing local interest in Weizmann Institute research, much of which is supported by overseas grants, was demonstrated this week by the announcement of the Makhteshim Company of Beersheba that it had allocated IL330,000 to finance four projects in the Plastics Research Department, under the direction of Professor David Vofsi. This follows research grants of IL800,000 ($190,000) from the firm between 1970 and 1973.

Makhteshim, which is part of Koor Enterprises, is best known as a producer of pesticides and synthetic resins, some of them based on processes initially developed in the laboratories of the Weizmann Institute's Plastics Research Department.

Budgeting in the dark

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

BUDGETARY discipline has never been strong in this country. Even in normal times, reasons — and pretexts — have easily been found for indulging in expenditure over and above the amounts voted, and all too often beyond what the economy could afford. During the current fiscal year a supplementary budget had also been expected to be tabled, to be rubber-stamped by the Knesset, even though deficit spending had been excessive even in the ordinary budget.

The war, of course, upset all previous estimates, but to what extent, and how public finance is being managed since then, no outsider knows.

Defence expenditure has naturally soared since October last, but many other items — only tenuously connected with the war effort — seem to have grown, too. And the larger spending may or may not be covered by the revenue forthcoming from the War Loans, the tax hikes, and the large amounts borrowed by the government on the local capital market. As times goes on, the amounts involved accumulate, and so do the economic effects of a fiscal policy carried out without public approval or as much as consultation. The claim that normal conduct of state affairs must be dispensed with in the present emergency conditions, is a lame excuse. It is almost three months since the cease-fire. People have been told to adjust themselves to new circumstances. Businessmen are expected to plan ahead. It is not clear why this should not also apply to the government, why the role which the public sector is playing in our economic performance should be shrouded in mystery. At the very least the issue ought to be discussed in the newly formed Economic Council.

Nor should the matter be delayed owing to difficulties in forming a new government. Crucial financial decisions must be taken shortly, even though the Geneva talks, and the inter-party bickering concerning them, may go on for a long time. Negotiations concerning the c.o.l. allowance, the collective wage agreements for the next year, price controls, export and investment incentives, and what not else, can only be carried on in a muddled way as long as the essentials of our fiscal policy have not been made clear. The recent spate of rumours concerning devaluation is another consequence of this confusion.

Even though the outgoing government may be unable to table a full-fledged budget for 1974-75, at least the supplementary budget for the current fiscal year — reflecting the changes brought about by the war — should be tabled as soon as possible. And it should be accompanied by a forecast, even if uncertain, of the economy's growth, which hardly depends on the make-up of the next coalition.

RESEARCH COSTS ARE TOO HIGH

Soviet space programme needs U.S. expertise

By DEV MURARKA
MOSCOW (Ofns). —

THE two latest Soviet cosmonauts, who landed at the end of December after some days circling the earth, were received much more quietly than their predecessors. It is as if the steam has gone out of Soviet space research. The Russians no longer project every act of space research as something unique. Moreover, they are now giving proper credit to the American space programme.

There are strong indications that Moscow is no longer contemplating going it alone on space research. The emphasis has shifted to worldwide cooperation, and by worldwide they really mean joint Soviet-American efforts. This also fits into the pattern of growing Soviet respect and admiration for the United States in every field, almost verging on reverence. Significantly, the most important space event of the future which is being boosted in the Soviet Press is the joint flight of Soviet and American cosmonauts in 1975, and a major part of Soviet space effort is now being devoted to this planned venture.

The Russians also make no secret of the fact that financial considerations have been foremost in deciding upon closer cooperation with the United States. Praising this cooperation and making a virtue out of necessity, a Soviet commentator, Academician L. Sedov, recently confessed: "This cooperation is vital in view of the enormous scale of the space experiments, which are inconceivable without the joint coordinated work of large teams of scientists, engineers and workers in the most diverse fields. These experiments require huge structures, the most sophisticated apparatus and, consequently, large outlays."

Similar sentiments have been expressed by one of the veteran Soviet cosmonauts, Major-General Vladimir Shatalov, who said: "When one thinks of how to develop the space programme, one comes to the conclusion more and more frequently that it will be difficult to move forward alone." The recent flight of the American Pioneer 10 past the mysterious planet of Jupiter has thus been hailed in the Soviet Press with an enthusiasm which would have been inconceivable only a few years ago. If, as planned, Pioneer 10 crosses the orbit of Uranus six years from now and transmits information, it will increase Soviet respect for American technology even more.

Much, however, will depend on the success of the joint Soyuz and Apollo spaceships in July 1975. If everything works out smoothly, greater impetus will be given to super-Power cooperation in space research, particularly because it is already their monopoly in many ways. Soviet scientists are already looking forward to more ambitious joint ventures in space after the 1975 experiment.

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This has profound implications for Soviet-American relations. Since a substantial part of space technology is tied up with military science, such close cooperation presupposes a great deal of mutual trust and good will. That the Soviet leaders have given the green light for such cooperation indicates that they are confident of extending cooperation not only in the scientific field, but also in the political and diplomatic fields for a long time to come. It suggests that they do not view super-Power collaboration as a temporary phase but as a durable and viable policy which will be in their interests.

They are also determined that others should not disturb or question the motives of this emerging duopoly of power and wealth. Any such questions are greeted with almost violent passion by Soviet commentators and critics are treated with contempt and derision.

It follows that Moscow is only too willing to discard and mute those policies which bring it into conflict with the United States. The recent Middle East crisis clearly showed, and Mr. Brezhnev publicly claimed, that the super-Power entente is an over-riding factor for any policy conducted by Moscow.

This may not be enough for the hardliners in the United States but it could have a debilitating effect on the smaller countries. Already the conviction is growing among many of the Soviet Union's friends that the best that can be expected of Moscow is benign neglect, especially if they are involved in any serious dispute with the United States.

IDB service for pension and restitution payments

The Israel Discount Bank has opened a central branch for restitution payments from Germany and pensions. The department handling restitution payments from Germany and pensions — including foreign currency accounts of Israeli residents — will have its new premises at 14 Rothschild Boulevard, Tel Aviv, where all banking transactions will be conducted under one roof, including, besides services connected with restitution payments and pensions, Pazak and Tamam accounts, also the usual banking facilities available at any of the 139 Discount Bank branches.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

TEHERAN. — Japan has allocated $1,900m. to build petroleum and petrochemical refineries in Iran under a joint venture with the Teheran government, Japan's Minister of International Trade and Industry said yesterday. Yasuhiro Nakasone announced the deal at the conclusion of his visit as head of a seven-man delegation, which discussed export of Iranian oil to Japan.

Nakasone said his government was studying an Iranian proposal for a $1,000m. Japanese investment in Iran's chemical industry. He said Japanese participation in Iran's steel industry was under study as well.

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BUENOS AIRES. — A Ford Motor Company spokesman said on Wednesday that talks are continuing with the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Trade for the purchase of some 2,500 Ford Falcons produced in Argentina. The agreement, which the spokesman said seemed likely, would be part of the $200m. credit Argentina granted Fidel Castro's government last August. Since then the pact has been extended to $1,200m. over six years for Cuba to buy agricultural implements, vehicles, heavy equipment and other items.

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MOSCOW. — The U.S. dollar has reached its strongest point compared with the ruble since the dollar devaluation last February. It now costs $1.3269 to buy a ruble. After the devaluation, the ruble cost $1.3403. The pre-devaluation rate was $1.2106.

Although the ruble is not convertible into Western currencies, the State Bank has roughly been pegging its value to reflect the variations among those currencies.

The rate is artificial and the real value of the ruble is about four or five to the dollar in the West.

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Lire	629¼/631	per $
Belgian Fr.	42.40/50	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.9250/300	per $
Yen	299.75/80	per $
Gold price:	$119.50/121.50	

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The Lillehammer anomaly

SURROUNDED by tanks and armoured cars, Europe's major airports have become fortresses. Main oil refineries are ringed by army units. Leading European personalities are guarded day and night.

At the same time two Arab terrorists on bail, awaiting trial in Rome for having plotted to shoot down an Israeli airliner with missiles, have disappeared, and an American girl, captured at London airport in the company of Arab plotters, was deported rather than put on trial.

This is part of the ludicrous reality of Europe's attempt to fight Arab terror.

For the past five years it has become almost a habit for many European nations to do their best not to apprehend Arab terrorists, but to deport them soon after they are captured. Britain released Leila Haled after Israeli security men seized her as she was trying to hijack an El Al plane, and West German police freed the Munich killers in a trade-off for a hijacked Lufthansa aircraft.

Together Britain, France, Germany, Switzerland and Greece have freed almost 70 Arab terrorists. And now Europe is trembling in fear. Missiles have reportedly disappeared from a Nato base, and others presumably have been smuggled onto the continent by Libyan diplomats.

The policy on terror is like European policy on oil — each country for itself. Just as France has sought to make unilateral oil deals with Arab producers in the hope that it can elude oil blackmail, so has it sought to buy immunity from Arab terror activities. Yet only last week, French police discovered a secret hideaway of explosives stored for use by the terrorists.

Even as the failure of Europe's policy on Arab terrorism is clear — a policy grounded in releasing the guilty — six men and women are being tried in Oslo for their part in the Lillehammer Affair, which, by the evidence, was apparently an effort to stem the terrorist menace.

The anomaly of this trial — lying in the relentless application of the law against the opponents of terror — is too readily apparent. It has also been recognized in Norway, where a leading newspaper commented that the accused are subjectively not guilty.

If this anomaly would move the countries of Europe to implement their own laws and utilize their own law enforcement agencies against Arab terror instead of watching the law be applied against those who fight it, European airports would not have to be ringed with troops.

But no signs of such wisdom or the joint preventive effort that it would entail have appeared.

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Kissinger and disengagement

Davar (Histadrut) says Dr. Kissinger's decision to leave for the Middle East immediately indicates that a special effort is being made to promote the disengagement talks and the Geneva conference, and that he supports the programme presented by Mr. Dayan, which he described as "generous." The paper also assumes that there has been agreement on the visit with Moscow, and that the U.S. Secretary of State will propose changes in Dayan's programme, based on Egyptian and Soviet reactions.

"However, there is a limit to what can be demanded of Israel in terms of security concessions before going ahead to the political phase of the Geneva conference. This limit is the red line between creating military and political inferiority, and a sincere disengagement to prevent resumption of hostilities."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says Kissinger's tour indicates that both sides appear to be interested in reaching agreement on separation of forces. In order to prevent a situation in which the proposals of one side are rejected outright by the other at Geneva — causing a complete breakdown of the talks — they both prefer to seek the help of Dr. Kissinger to help overcome obstacles.

Hatzofe (National Religious) says that, even at this stage, it was necessary to call in the superpowers, for the issue on which agreement could not be reached at Km. 101 could not be solved in Geneva either. Kissinger's arrival will be against a background of cannon fire, and even though this is still limited, there is a threat that the fighting may spread, as is the case with shooting incidents; particularly when there is someone interested in stirring up hostilities.

Ha'aretz (non-party) says the Labour Alignment could form a coalition based on a minority of parliamentary votes, and excluding the National Religious Party.

"While we must not underrate the importance of a broad national coalition, the disadvantages would be even greater. Participation of the NRP in the coalition would mean that the Alignment would have to accept their terms on religion and state — terms which are unacceptable even under the pressure of today's events. The public should not have to pay for the Alignment's losses at the polls by retreating on issues of personal status, conversion, and Sabbath observance."

On the issue of the Geneva talks, consensus of agreement would be reached with the potential coalition partners, and it would not be necessary to have the NRP in the Government. This party may be expected to agree to a settlement with Egypt, but even without its votes, a parliamentary majority would aprpove it. The Government could also muster a majority for agreement with Jordan, but the NRP would certainly be opposed to this.

In conclusion, the paper asks whether such a delicate balance could last. If not, new elections will have to be held, and this may be the "right solution."

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Setting priorities in a time of reconstruction

URGENT REFORMS NEEDED TO MEET THE EMERGENCY

Israel will soon have to make hard decisions. This requires an orderly government with high credibility and a capacity to get things done, says Deputy Transport Minister GAD YA'ACOBI. In what he calls "Israel's hour-glass," he outlines some of the reforms he considers urgent.

THE Eighth Knesset has been elected and the government, it is hoped, will soon be formed. Now more than ever, Israel needs a dynamic and orderly administration. Now more than ever in the past the country needs a government to discuss policy and adopt a clear course. Thus it is essential to expedite the processes of forming a Cabinet as rapidly as possible.

At the same time, those of us who bear parliamentary and government responsibility should crystallize a working programme for the immediate future. Time is not a neutral factor and it will not work in our favour if we do not make the required moves. We are in the midst of dynamic processes in all spheres — political, economic and social. The sands are running out in Israel's hour-glass, even though we may not discern this ourselves. We are obliged by circumstances to make decisions.

Israel is now facing a fateful struggle that will determine the national future. These are harsh times, but not as difficult as the trials which beset our forerunners in the century-long struggle since the return to the Land of Israel. The acuteness of our present difficulties derives from the upsetting of the delicate social balance, as if the national morale has been jolted out of position. What is now in question touches on the fundamentals and motivations of Israel as a living society that prided itself on being guided by an overall vision. What has been called into question is the aim of a society that believes itself to possess a purpose beyond its immediate requirements. In other words — we are being asked to look to Israel's growth in quality and quantity as a Jewish State — for too many people tended to forget, prior to the recent war, that we had not yet reached a state of peace and that we were still in the process of building up a new society.

Our capacity to realign ourselves contains the key to our constant advance towards the achievement of our national purpose. This also will determine our fortitude in the long haul ahead of us in the political and military struggle.

A realignment of our resources means, first of all, a readiness on our part to cleave to a true scale of priorities reflecting the nation's real needs and aims. This requires sufficient courage to revise ideas, to review structural concepts and operational processes. The crisis we have all gone through should serve as the stepping-stone to an entirely new attitude.

Sterile criticism

What we most certainly do not need now is sterile criticism and negative grumbling. What we do need is a period of reconstruction and realignment. It will be essential even if we do reach an agreement on the disengagement of forces, and a lull in hostilities for a certain spell of time. It is necessary even if it seems that the hour of immediate urgency has passed. For the emergency could return and without this realignment we will be unable to persist in our qualitative development. The future and what it contains played only a limited role in policy-making in Israel in the period before the recent war. This applied to all spheres and we cannot afford a repetition.

We want to bring about the disengagement of forces between the armies of Israel and those of Egypt and Syria. We aspire to a political settlement, peace or something else, with our neighbours. At the moment, it seems to me that what has changed from their point of view since the war are the means for attaining the targets they set themselves prior to the war, during the fighting and at the Algiers summit conference. But they have not changed their targets.

As a result of our army's achievements, these targets have been transformed from the aims of war to those of negotiation. Again and again, we have had to realise with profound sorrow that the Zionist ideology and vision are — in the Arab view — poles apart from the Arabs' historical philosophy. They still consider us "an alien growth" in the region that hinders Arab unity and their capacity for action.

Nevertheless the very fact of their readiness today to negotiate at one table contains the prospect that this may lead to a true if gradual change in inter-state relations.

The first test will be the nature of the agreement for the disengagement of forces. If it should contain the elements of fundamental mutuality and thereby neutralize the chance of future fighting, it could well provide the seeds of a future settlement. Its importance lies in its providing a precedent and thus a testing ground for all ensuing arrangements.

It is highly likely that more basic discussions will soon begin. Top priority must go to assessing the nature of the peace. For the Arab attitude towards it will determine our readiness and capacity to reveal flexibility on the territorial question. The extent of a border's openness is an important test for the kind of relations countries are ready to evolve between them. In turn they will tell us of the security risks involved. On the other hand, strategic depth dependent on defensible borders and demilitarised zones is of the utmost importance against the background of Arab-Israel relations.

The doctrine that national security depends on the country's ability to defend itself along lines providing strategic depth has been given even greater emphasis as a result of the Yom Kippur War.

A small people wishing to live, in so far as it is possible, normal lives, cannot maintain large standing armies along its borders, even if its neighbours are hostile and potentially aggressive. Such a people must secure for itself basic elements of space and time to hold the aggressor. Of course, inasmuch as the danger to its existence recedes and a significant peace settlement is achieved with its neighbours, it can agree to a reduction in the deterrent areas it requires. But such a people cannot afford to rely or gamble on wishful thinking, and certainly not in this region and on the basis of our experience in the past, which has been bitter and bloody.

Possible warfare

Our capacity to cope with the long haul required for unhasty negotiations, and to ready ourselves for the possibility of renewed warfare by the Syrians and the Egyptians, is conditioned by our economic and social fortitude and on our morale. A regime of economic emergency is unavoidable in the light of existing national requirements. Otherwise we shall be unable to finance the war, provide a fairer division of the war burden between the mobilized and non-mobilized sections of the people, and continue with the orderly operation of the economy— all at one and the same time.

Such an emergency regime calls for an increased effort at home through a longer work day, the extension of existing wage agreements, and rigid supervision of profits gained from the war or the defence effort. It also means replanning the economy, especially industry, in keeping with the real priorities of the nation in this period of its history. Such a regime demands the imposition of heavy restrictions on consumption among the sections which serve as trend-setters for the entire public. But such a regime will strengthen the moral underpinning of our appeal to the Diaspora communities to increase *aliya* and their participation in Israel's defence and development.

Fateful decisions

The period through which we are now living is one during which fateful decisions will have to be taken. For this reason we require orderly government with a high level of credibility and a capacity to get things done. The Government of Israel today needs to be made up of top-level people, to be first-class in its structure, policy-making processes and operational systems.

The structure of government needs reviewing from time to time to gear it to changing conditions. Today, in the wake of the sharp shift in our scale of national priorities and our bitter experience, there is a vital necessity for such a change.

We need to reduce the number of ministries. Each ministry should have as wide a scope as possible to facilitate the formulation and implementation of policies within its departmental framework. Thus a ministry for social welfare should take care of both welfare and national insurance, a ministry for planning and environment development should encompass physical planning, housing and the State Lands Authority.

GAD YA'ACOBI

But of no less importance is the improvement that must ensue in the process of government policy-making. To our regret, the present administration's policy-making system is known for its lack of any analysis of alternative proposals or of any systematic confrontation of differing viewpoints when formulating policy. A partial rectification of this situation can be brought about by setting up a centre for planning and counselling in the spheres of defence, economics and foreign affairs. Such a centre would serve to bring together differing viewpoints on the strategic decisions on the government's agenda, for example the real significance of the various political proposals for Israel's future national security. Such a Centre should be assisted by the advice and research work of the best minds in the country and become a keynote guidance unit for the government, lacking now.

New directions

The new situations and questions facing us today require new replies, new political directions. They require, generally speaking, new operational patterns and instruments. It lies in our power to influence the direction of developments in the political, security, economic and social spheres. In order not to be subject to conditions but in charge of them, we must preserve our readiness and capacity to control reality. To this end, we require a combination of courageous decisions and new operational systems.

The recent elections proved once again the urgency of introducing reforms to make Israeli society more truly democratic. Priority must be given to Knesset electoral reform legislation and the Direct Election of Mayors bill. But no less important is the need for a fundamental and comprehensive reform of our political parties in order to make them more democratic, more pluralistic and more open to new influences.

This could have a far-reaching effect on the image of our country in the future and its capacity to cope with upcoming challenges.

All these cry out for an immediate change. There is not much time left.

Readers' letters

Soviet peace-keeping force

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In connection with the Geneva conference, the idea of an American-Soviet peace-keeping force is again being advanced. According to press reports, Dr. Kissinger, although against such a plan in principle, does not rule out its possibility.

Similar proposals for a joint American-Soviet force in the Middle East were made at the end of 1970 when Arab-Israel talks under the auspices of Dr. Jarring were in the offing. U.S. press commentators pointed out at that time that by permitting a Soviet military contingent to be stationed in the Middle East under the guise of a U.N. peace force, America would, unwittingly, assist the Soviet Union to become entrenched there and possibly to Communize the whole region.

Proponents of Soviet participation in a military force to keep peace in the Middle East seem to disregard the lessons of recent history. In the wake of World War II, Soviet forces were stationed in Eastern Europe, Germany and Austria, by agreement with the Soviet Union's Allies only temporarily, until peace treaties were concluded. The result was the forcible Communization of Eastern Europe and the Eastern half of Germany. The one exception was Austria from which the Soviet occupation forces moved out only in 1955 after protracted peace treaty negotiations and receipt of exorbitant reparations. In the Far East, the Soviet Union still occupies the Kurile Islands and the southern half of Sakhalin belonging to Japan with which she has not yet signed a peace treaty.

It is interesting to note the Chinese reaction to Soviet efforts to become a participant in a U.N. force in the Mideast. In a recent broadcast, Peking Radio quoted an editorial in a Communist party newspaper accusing the U.S.S.R. of scheming to become part of an Emergency Military Force in the Middle East in order to take over this region.

It should be clear that stationing of a Soviet military contingent in this region, under the aegis of a U.N. peace force, would just legalize Soviet aims to remain in the area permanently and would facilitate its aspirations to convert some of the Mideastern countries into outright satellites.

It is in the self-interest of all concerned, Arabs, Israelis and the United States, not to have the Big Powers participate in a U.N. peace keeping force.

DR. REUBEN EFRON

Jerusalem, December 13.

DIG IN YOUR HEELS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Along with other Zionists, I have been devouring all news from your weekly and from American newspapers concerning military and diplomatic developments, as well as internal political matters in Israel. While washing one's political linen in public can be rather embarrassing, it is nevertheless one of the healthy signs of a democracy at work. Thus, the current discourse over failings and concurrent political backbiting fail to upset me.

What does disturb me, however, is the apparent embryonic emergence of some Israeli public opinion, signalled by a dispatch in "The New York Times" of November 26 entitled "Moderates in ruling Israeli party, spurred by the war, fight to unseat hard-line leaders." The end result would inevitably produce a weak bargaining posture at the upcoming peace negotiations and a total withdrawal to pre-1967 borders, accompanied no doubt by "iron-clad" guarantees of Israel's future security by the U.S., the U.N., by that paragon of trustworthiness in international relations, the U.S.S.R., and of course by those very Arab nations which have sworn to destroy Israel and every Jew therein, for the better part of a century.

My aliya will not depend upon current internal political developments; but when I ascend onto Israeli soil next July, it will be with foreboding if, in the meantime, Israeli political leadership has placed any stock whatsoever in any empty guarantees and pious pressurings of Henry Kissinger and Richard Nixon. Whatever heavy pressure and threats are applied, they must be resisted to the very last. Israel will perish without absolutely defensible borders in depth.

Thus I plead, Israelis, for every Jew breathing today and yet unborn: Reject those "doves" among you, dig in deep your heels east and west of Suez, stand eyeball to eyeball with Brezhnev and Sadat, Nixon and Kissinger, and refuse to budge one inch until you have secured the borders and other prerequisites to the survival of our Jewish Nation. We know here the heavy price in blood and lives paid the last few weeks by you, and the gloom prevailing over the loss and maiming of 4,000 of the cream of your youth. But he assured that, from the world over, Jewish men and women will ever be arriving to replace and replant the eternal Jewish seed in the eternal Jewish Homeland.

STUART L. BRAUN

Westport, Conn., November 26.

THE FACTS ABOUT AIDA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I enjoyed very much Yohanan Boehm's learned and witty article "Diplomatic Strains" (December 28).

However, when mentioning Verdi's opera "Aida," Mr. Boehm says that Amonasro, Aida's father, was a predecessor of Numeiry, the Sudanese leader. Actually, according to the Khrefto, Amonasro was the king of Ethiopia. He was not "destroyed by the Egyptians," as Mr. Boehm reports, but escaped from their captivity (hear, hear) thanks to a stratagem which cost the lives of his daughter Aida and her lover Radames, the Supreme Commander of the Egyptian Armed Forces.

(According to some rumours, the Zionist *Shin-Beth* had a hand in it, but as it happened some 3,000 years ago, records on the subject are rather scanty.)

EMILIO TRAUBNER

Tel. Aviv, December 28

DAYLIGHT SAVING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Since the introduction of daylight saving time is still being considered, I suggest a more appropriate day than the one selected. The arbitrary determination of a day such as Tuesday, January 15, does not indicate much foresight.

Advancing the clock in the middle of the week would mean considerable inconvenience and even disruption of routine activities on a Tuesday morning for schoolchildren, workers, government employees, etc.

It is common practice in industrialized countries to institute such a change *not* on a work-day, but during the weekend. Thus, unless January 15 is pronounced as national holiday, it would be wiser and more practical to choose the night of Friday to Saturday, say, Saturday, January 12, 19, etc.

ROLF L. KAMP

Ra'anana, January 3.

MAGAZINES NEEDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We are a group of English-speaking soldiers serving "somewhere" in the south.

As we lack reading material in English, we should be very grateful if some of your readers would send us magazines dealing with news, sports, cars, geography, photography — in short anything which would be of interest to young soldiers. (We have no objection to receiving "Playboy" or similar periodicals.) Our address is Doar Tsvai 1093.

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